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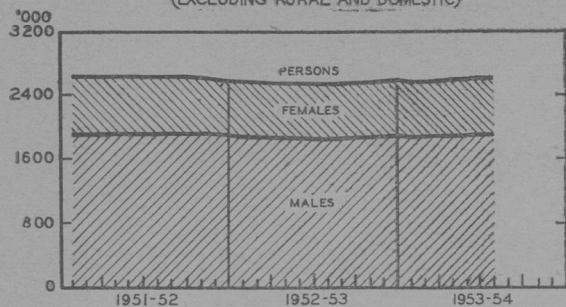
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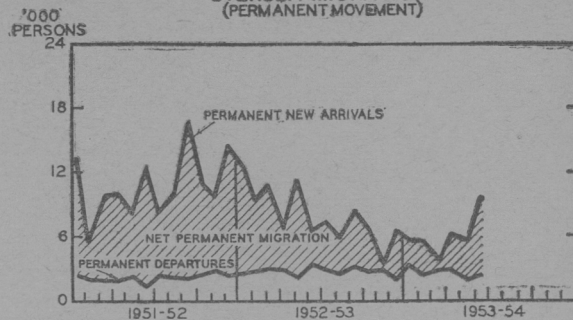
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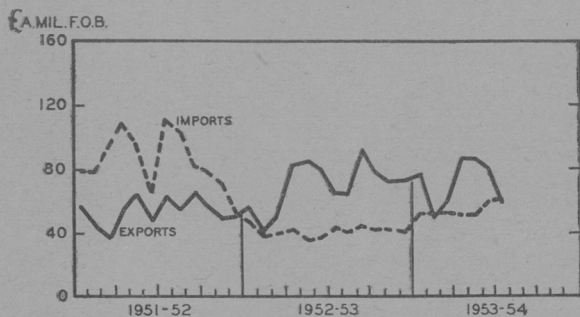
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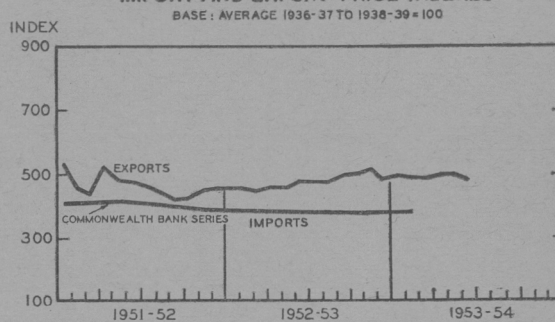
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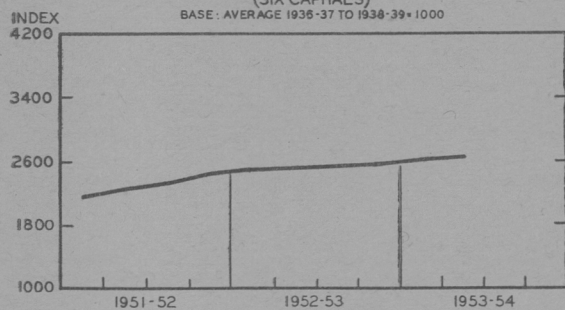
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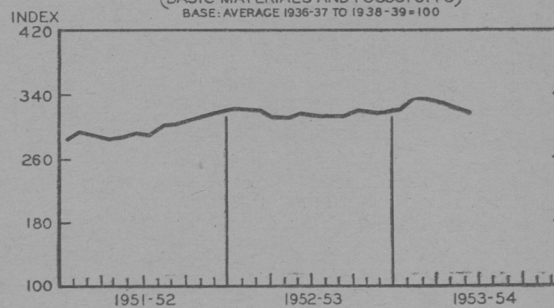
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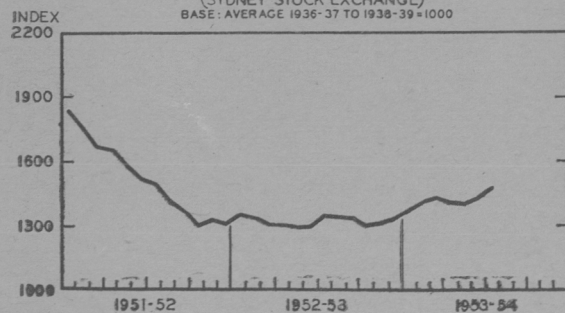
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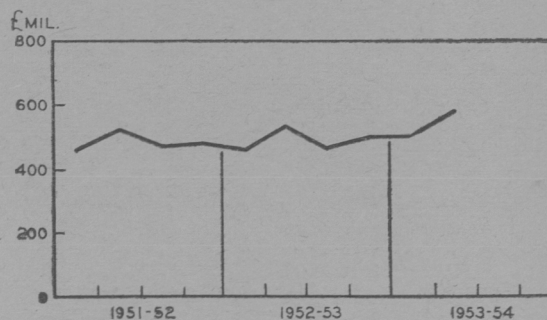
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# INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following page summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein:—

| Period.               | Employment—Australia.<br>Total—End of Month (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces)(a) |          |          | Average Weekly Wage Earnings(b)<br>—Australia: Index No. (Base: 1945-46 = 1,000). | Overseas Trade (Merchandise only—Values f.o.b. port of shipment.) |          | Building Permits(c)<br>Six Capital Cities and Suburbs. | New Houses Completed.(d) | Production of Black Coal. | Total Electricity Generated. |
|-----------------------|---|----------|----------|---|---|----------|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
|                       | Males.  | Females. | Total.   |   | Imports.  | Exports. |  |                          |                           |                              |
| Monthly Average—      | '000.   | '000.    | '000.    |   | £m.   | £m.      | £'000.   | No.                      | '000 tons.                | Million kWh.                 |
| 1932-33 ..            | (e)992  | (e)341   | (e)1,333 | n.a.  | 5.5   | 8.2      | 565  | n.a.                     | 732                       | 225                          |
| 1936-37 ..            | n.a.  | n.a.     | n.a.     | n.a.  | 8.6   | 12.4     | 1,986  | n.a.                     | 977                       | 331                          |
| 1937-38 ..            | n.a.  | n.a.     | n.a.     | n.a.  | 10.6  | 11.8     | 2,307  | n.a.                     | 990                       | 363                          |
| 1938-39 ..            | (f)1,293  | (f)437   | (f)1,730 | n.a.  | 9.4   | 10.2     | 2,353  | n.a.                     | 1,051                     | 391                          |
| 1946-47 ..            | 1,592   | 610      | 2,202    | 1,037   | 17.4  | 25.8     | 4,084  | 8,152                    | 1,178                     | 627                          |
| 1947-48 ..            | 1,693   | 635      | 2,328    | 1,164   | 28.2  | 33.8     | 4,687  | g10,876                  | 1,231                     | 697                          |
| 1948-49 ..            | 1,757   | 656      | 2,413    | 1,322   | 34.5  | 45.2     | 5,577  | g12,835                  | 1,276                     | 754                          |
| 1949-50 ..            | 1,810   | 675      | 2,485    | 1,451   | 44.7  | 51.1     | 7,129  | g13,873                  | 1,243                     | 792                          |
| 1950-51 ..            | 1,882   | 707      | 2,589    | 1,742   | 61.8  | 81.8     | 10,426   | 16,895                   | 1,369                     | 875                          |
| 1951-52 ..            | p1,915  | p709     | p2,624   | 2,145   | 87.5  | 55.7     | 9,700  | r19,494                  | 1,598                     | 941                          |
| 1952-53 ..            | p1,876  | p670     | p2,546   | 2,350   | 42.5  | 70.9     | 10,045   | r19,332                  | p1,546                    | p1,024                       |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b> |   |          |          |   |   |          |  |                          |                           |                              |
| 1951-52—              | p   | p        | p        |   |   |          |  |                          |                           |                              |
| January ..            | 1,917   | 711      | 2,628    | 2,183   | 114.2   | 64.6     | 7,612  | 18,459                   | 1,059                     | 884                          |
| February ..           | 1,921   | 707      | 2,628    |   | 106.0   | 56.3     | 8,287  |                          | 1,651                     | 904                          |
| March ..              | 1,924   | 704      | 2,628    |   | 85.4  | 66.6     | 8,849  |                          | 1,740                     | 952                          |
| April ..              | 1,920   | 694      | 2,614    | 2,249   | 81.5  | 59.0     | 8,593  | 20,267                   | 1,568                     | 914                          |
| May ..                | 1,914   | 688      | 2,602    |   | 75.3  | 51.8     | 9,306  |                          | 1,725                     | 992                          |
| June ..               | 1,908   | 679      | 2,587    |   | 54.9  | 53.0     | 9,848  |                          | 1,535                     | 988                          |
| 1952-53—              | p   | p        | p        |   |   |          |  |                          |                           |                              |
| July ..               | 1,894   | 674      | 2,568    | 2,305   | 49.9  | 57.5     | 8,544  | 20,331                   | 1,885                     | 1,082                        |
| August ..             | 1,882   | 668      | 2,550    |   | 39.6  | 41.8     | 8,733  |                          | 1,572                     | 1,039                        |
| September ..          | 1,871   | 666      | 2,537    |   | r42.3   | 50.2     | 11,856   |                          | 1,814                     | 992                          |
| October ..            | 1,869   | 666      | 2,535    | 2,354   | r44.8   | 84.9     | 9,911  | 20,429                   | 1,866                     | 1,018                        |
| November ..           | 1,866   | 667      | 2,533    |   | 35.5  | 86.6     | 9,317  |                          | 1,648                     | 965                          |
| December ..           | 1,864   | 669      | 2,533    |   | 38.5  | 81.7     | 8,259  |                          | 1,342                     | 972                          |
| January ..            | 1,858   | 664      | 2,522    | 2,362   | 44.7  | 66.6     | 7,607  | 18,256                   | 1,066                     | 939                          |
| February ..           | 1,871   | 672      | 2,543    |   | 41.5  | 64.8     | 10,303   |                          | 1,532                     | 932                          |
| March ..              | 1,878   | 677      | 2,555    |   | 44.2  | 90.2     | 11,058   |                          | 1,606                     | 1,052                        |
| April ..              | 1,883   | 676      | 2,559    | 2,377   | r43.3   | 79.2     | 10,293   | 18,314                   | 1,404                     | 1,017                        |
| May ..                | 1,885   | 675      | 2,560    |   | 44.2  | 73.0     | 11,685   |                          | 1,382                     | 1,121                        |
| June ..               | 1,887   | 674      | 2,561    |   | r41.9   | 74.3     | 12,978   |                          | 1,429                     | 1,160                        |
| 1953-54—              | p   | p        | p        |   |   |          |  |                          |                           |                              |
| July ..               | 1,882   | 676      | 2,558    | 2,445   | 52.1  | 76.6     | 13,209   | 18,408                   | 1,825                     | 1,222                        |
| August ..             | 1,886   | 678      | 2,564    |   | 52.2  | 48.5     | 12,341   |                          | 1,710                     | 1,198                        |
| September ..          | 1,890   | 682      | 2,572    |   | 53.1  | 59.7     | 12,570   |                          | 1,755                     | 1,130                        |
| October ..            | 1,898   | 686      | 2,584    | 2,437   | 50.5  | 86.1     | 11,738   | r1,741                   | 1,744                     | 1,156                        |
| November ..           | 1,907   | 694      | 2,601    |   | 50.7  | 85.2     | 11,884   |                          | 1,744                     | 1,139                        |
| December ..           | 1,911   | 701      | 2,612    |   | 58.7  | 79.3     |  |                          | r1,232                    | 1,124                        |
| January ..            | 1,912   | 698      | 2,610    |   | r60.4   | r58.0    |  |                          | 1,173                     |                              |
| February ..           |   |          |          |   | 45.6  | 58.9     |  |                          |                           |                              |

(a) Total number of wage or salary earners in employment excluding employees in the defence forces at home or abroad, National Service Trainees in camp and in 1932-33 Government "relief" workers. (b) Average earnings per employed male unit. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate rates of female to male earnings. Seasonally adjusted.

(c) All building operations for which permits granted by Local Government Authorities. Excludes Government buildings (see footnote, page 27). (d) Including owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years, and quarterly totals. (e) June 1933; obtained from Census.

(f) July, 1939; obtained from National Register.

(g) Partly estimated.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, p, see page 1.

# INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

| Period.                    | Production of Ingot Steel. | New Motor Vehicles Registered (a)<br>(Excluding Defence Service Vehicles). |                      | Government Railways : Gross Revenue. | P.M.G.'s Department Receipts. (b) | Wholesale Trade : Net Sales Recorded Under Sales Tax Acts. | Retail Sales.(c) | Private Trading Banks. (Weekly Averages). |           | Bank Debts to Customers' Accounts (Weekly Averages). |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|------------------|---|-----------|--|
|                            |                            | Motor Cars.  | Commercial Vehicles. |                                      |                                   |  |                  | Deposits.                                 | Advances. |  |
| Monthly Average—           | '000 tons.                 | '000.  | '000.                | £'000.                               | £'000.                            | £m.  | £m.              | £m.                                       | £m.       | £m.  |
| 1932-33 ..                 | 32.7                       | 1.0  | 0.3                  | (d)3,017                             | 1,053                             | 29.1   | n.a.             | 269.9                                     | 231.0     | n.a.   |
| 1936-37 ..                 | 90.0                       | 4.0  | 2.0                  | (d)3,407                             | 1,318                             | 37.2   | n.a.             | 297.6                                     | 262.5     | n.a.   |
| 1937-38 ..                 | 97.2                       | 4.6  | 2.3                  | (d)3,632                             | 1,396                             | 40.6   | n.a.             | 314.8                                     | 274.4     | n.a.   |
| 1938-39 ..                 | 97.5                       | 4.5  | 2.1                  | (d)3,580                             | 1,447                             | 39.8   | n.a.             | 317.7                                     | 288.1     | n.a.   |
| 1946-47 ..                 | 109.4                      | 1.8  | 1.4                  | (d)5,303                             | 2,484                             | 66.8   | n.a.             | 636.6                                     | 261.1     | 148.9  |
| 1947-48 ..                 | 112.1                      | 3.6  | 2.4                  | 6,376                                | 2,616                             | 79.5   | 240.4            | 673.5                                     | 329.9     | 175.9  |
| 1948-49 ..                 | 98.2                       | 5.5  | 3.1                  | 7,174                                | 2,776                             | 93.4   | 286.3            | 776.4                                     | 368.8     | 212.8  |
| 1949-50 ..                 | 101.5                      | 9.6  | 4.8                  | 7,702                                | 3,196                             | 110.2  | 340.8            | 910.1                                     | 403.9     | 271.1  |
| 1950-51 ..                 | 120.3                      | 10.6   | 6.5                  | 8,834                                | 3,732                             | 140.5  | 422.3            | 1,144.2                                   | 479.3     | 372.9  |
| 1951-52 ..                 | 126.8                      | 10.4   | 6.1                  | 11,668                               | 4,948                             | 162.1  | 482.5            | 1,201.7                                   | 621.4     | 402.4  |
| 1952-53 ..                 | p151.9                     | r7.7   | 4.4                  | 12,892                               | 5,367                             | 158.1  | 490.5            | 1,162.4                                   | 638.1     | 389.3  |
| Monthly Total—<br>1951-52— |                            |  |                      |                                      |                                   |  |                  |   |           |  |
| January ..                 | 139.4                      | 8.2  | 4.6                  | 12,167                               | 4,840                             | 145.7  | 469.7            | 1,218.3                                   | 638.6     | 375.5  |
| February ..                | 127.9                      | 9.6  | 5.3                  | 12,420                               | 5,023                             | 161.0  |                  | 1,228.5                                   | 654.6     | 414.7  |
| March ..                   | 136.9                      | 11.0   | 5.9                  | 12,168                               | 4,940                             | 168.9  |                  | 1,241.3                                   | 664.1     | 400.7  |
| April ..                   | 117.5                      | 10.2   | 5.4                  | 11,684                               | 4,834                             | 160.2  | 478.1            | 1,246.6                                   | 667.9     | 401.2  |
| May ..                     | 91.6                       | 9.7  | 5.6                  | 12,968                               | 5,798                             | 153.8  |                  | 1,182.0                                   | 675.6     | 403.2  |
| June ..                    | 99.7                       | 7.8  | 5.1                  | 11,972                               | 5,657                             | 149.8  |                  | 1,122.9                                   | 691.2     | 399.7  |
| 1952-53—                   | p                          |  |                      |                                      |                                   |  |                  |   |           |  |
| July ..                    | 147.2                      | 7.6  | 4.7                  | 12,118                               | 5,334                             | 150.6  | 460.0            | 1,072.1                                   | 699.3     | 384.2  |
| August ..                  | 153.1                      | 6.6  | 4.0                  | 12,317                               | 5,121                             | 142.1  |                  | 1,059.5                                   | 690.4     | 339.3  |
| September ..               | 152.1                      | 7.2  | 4.1                  | 13,428                               | 5,382                             | 157.8  |                  | 1,054.1                                   | 682.0     | 353.2  |
| October ..                 | 166.0                      | 9.0  | 4.5                  | 13,889                               | 5,702                             | 169.9  | 535.2            | 1,077.7                                   | 673.4     | 376.5  |
| November ..                | 154.5                      | 8.8  | 4.4                  | 12,710                               | 5,030                             | 150.2  |                  | 1,114.3                                   | 655.7     | 401.7  |
| December ..                | 153.8                      | 9.3  | 4.6                  | 13,123                               | 5,898                             | 162.7  |                  | 1,147.4                                   | 637.7     | 432.8  |
| January ..                 | 157.1                      | 5.9  | 3.1                  | 12,540                               | 4,866                             | 133.2  | 467.8            | 1,171.6                                   | 616.0     | 336.8  |
| February ..                | 145.1                      | 7.3  | 4.0                  | 11,492                               | 5,126                             | 153.9  |                  | 1,218.9                                   | 604.1     | 402.9  |
| March ..                   | 164.7                      | 8.4  | 4.6                  | 13,325                               | 5,605                             | 171.2  |                  | 1,272.6                                   | 593.9     | 414.7  |
| April ..                   | 158.8                      | 7.5  | 4.6                  | 13,195                               | 5,275                             | 164.4  | 499.1            | 1,283.5                                   | 592.5     | 402.1  |
| May ..                     | 172.4                      | 7.9  | 4.9                  | 13,085                               | 5,384                             | 170.4  |                  | 1,252.2                                   | 597.6     | 408.4  |
| June ..                    | 171.7                      | 7.4  | 4.9                  | 13,486                               | 5,675                             | 171.4  |                  | 1,239.0                                   | 601.8     | 409.8  |
| 1953-54—                   | p                          |  |                      |                                      |                                   |  |                  |   |           |  |
| July ..                    | 184.8                      | 9.6  | 5.5                  | 14,062                               | 5,438                             | 169.3  | 502.3            | 1,204.0                                   | 616.9     | 418.8  |
| August ..                  | 186.9                      | 8.5  | 4.7                  | 13,947                               | 5,116                             | 161.6  |                  | 1,181.3                                   | 619.9     | 373.0  |
| September ..               | 171.0                      | 10.5   | 4.8                  | 14,387                               | 5,613                             | r189.0   |                  | 1,191.7                                   | 630.8     | 413.8  |
| October ..                 | 187.8                      | 10.7   | 4.7                  |                                      | 5,837                             | p188.5   | 584.5            | 1,210.0                                   | 654.6     | 425.5  |
| November ..                | 181.7                      | 10.5   | 4.9                  |                                      | 5,487                             | p194.5   |                  | 1,250.9                                   | 664.1     | 438.6  |
| December ..                | 167.1                      | r11.2  | r5.1                 |                                      | 6,409                             |  |                  | 1,290.0                                   | 665.0     | 493.7  |
| January ..                 | r180.4                     | p8.2   | p3.8                 |                                      | 5,130                             |  |                  | 1,303.8                                   | 654.1     | 405.1  |
| February ..                | 151.7                      | p8.6   | p3.8                 |                                      | 5,049                             |  |                  | 1,337.1                                   | 656.0     | 438.7  |

(a) Excludes Northern Territory, also extra-metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.

(b) Actual collections.

(c) Quarterly average for years, and quarterly totals. Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

(d) Excludes Tasmania.

For meaning of symbols, n.a., r, p, —, see page 1.



# POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA.

| Period.                   | Marriages. | Births. | Deaths. | Natural Increase.(a) | Net Migration.(b) | Total Increase.(c) | Population at end of Period. |
|---------------------------|------------|---------|---------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b> |            |         |         |                      |                   |                    |                              |
| 1936-37 .. ..             | 14,627     | 29,634  | 16,129  | 13,505               | 496               | 14,291             | 6,835,536                    |
| 1937-38 .. ..             | 15,529     | 29,924  | 16,170  | 13,754               | 1,676             | 15,751             | 6,898,541                    |
| 1938-39 .. ..             | 15,279     | 30,636  | 17,023  | 13,613               | 3,339             | 17,303             | 6,967,754                    |
| 1946-47 .. ..             | 19,399     | 48,072  | 18,401  | 29,671               | -1,611            | 28,550             | 7,579,358                    |
| 1947-48 .. ..             | 19,008     | 44,252  | 18,876  | 25,376               | 7,341             | 32,717             | 7,710,228                    |
| 1948-49 .. ..             | 18,498     | 44,149  | 19,041  | 25,108               | 25,287            | 50,395             | 7,911,806                    |
| 1949-50 .. ..             | 18,558     | 47,048  | 19,001  | 28,047               | 40,387            | 68,434             | 8,185,541                    |
| 1950-51 .. ..             | 19,211     | 48,114  | 19,896  | 28,218               | 33,244            | 61,462             | 8,431,390                    |
| 1951-52 .. ..             | 18,896     | 49,228  | 20,661  | 28,567               | 25,720            | 54,287             | 8,648,539                    |
| 1952-53 .. ..             | 17,870     | 50,739  | 20,023  | 30,716               | 14,516            | 45,232             | 8,829,465                    |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>   |            |         |         |                      |                   |                    |                              |
| 1950-51—                  |            |         |         |                      |                   |                    |                              |
| December Qtr. ..          | 20,006     | 47,984  | 18,592  | 29,392               | 44,815            | 74,207             | 8,315,791                    |
| March .. ..               | 20,387     | 48,012  | 17,239  | 30,773               | 33,633            | 64,406             | 8,380,197                    |
| June .. ..                | 19,814     | 48,025  | 20,083  | 27,942               | 23,251            | 51,193             | 8,431,390                    |
| 1951-52—                  |            |         |         |                      |                   |                    |                              |
| September .. ..           | 16,610     | 49,681  | 24,114  | 25,567               | 23,487            | 49,054             | 8,480,444                    |
| December .. ..            | 20,487     | 47,580  | 20,352  | 27,228               | 31,062            | 58,290             | 8,538,734                    |
| March .. ..               | 19,411     | 50,404  | 18,228  | 32,176               | 27,698            | 59,874             | 8,598,608                    |
| June .. ..                | 19,078     | 49,248  | 19,949  | 29,299               | 20,632            | 49,931             | 8,648,539                    |
| 1952-53—                  |            |         |         |                      |                   |                    |                              |
| September .. ..           | 15,679     | 50,896  | 23,878  | 27,018               | 24,883            | 51,901             | 8,700,440                    |
| December .. ..            | 20,004     | 51,102  | 19,542  | 31,560               | 20,819            | 52,379             | 8,752,819                    |
| March .. ..               | 17,393     | 51,469  | 17,142  | 34,327               | 8,632             | 42,959             | 8,795,778                    |
| June .. ..                | 18,406     | 49,489  | 19,532  | 29,957               | 3,730             | 33,687             | 8,829,465                    |
| 1953-54—                  |            |         |         |                      |                   |                    |                              |
| September .. ..           | 15,208     | 50,517  | 23,289  | 27,228               | 10,335            | 37,563             | 8,867,028                    |
| December .. ..            | 19,631     | 50,760  | 20,225  | 30,535               | 20,200            | 50,735             | 8,917,763                    |

(a) Excess of births over deaths. For the period September, 1939 to June, 1947, excess of births over civilian deaths only.  
 (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. A minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals. Excludes troop movements for the period September, 1939 to June, 1947.  
 (c) Includes natural increase and net migration together with adjustments for deaths of defence personnel and unrecorded movement of population between July, 1933 and June, 1947.  
 (d) Census—30th June, 1947.

## POPULATION: STATES.

| Date.             | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queens-land. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Australia. |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| 30th June—        |                  |           |              |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |
| 1939 ..           | 2,748,393        | 1,878,480 | 1,018,007    | 596,563          | 470,044            | 237,419   | 6,281               | 12,567                        | 6,967,754  |
| 1947 (b) ..       | 2,984,838        | 2,054,701 | 1,106,415    | 646,073          | 502,480            | 257,078   | 10,868              | 16,905                        | 7,579,358  |
| 1948 ..           | 3,025,318        | 2,090,668 | 1,127,316    | 658,024          | 515,302            | 262,364   | 12,458              | (a)18,778                     | 7,710,228  |
| 1949 ..           | 3,113,659        | 2,139,124 | 1,150,771    | 673,069          | 532,667            | 269,383   | 13,800              | (a)19,333                     | 7,911,806  |
| 1950 ..           | 3,225,242        | 2,202,870 | 1,183,792    | 700,257          | 557,918            | 279,386   | 15,304              | (a)20,772                     | 8,185,541  |
| 1951 ..           | 3,317,182        | 2,269,291 | 1,211,239    | 720,040          | 581,486            | 290,838   | 16,422              | 24,892                        | 8,431,390  |
| 1952 ..           | 3,388,437        | 2,335,475 | 1,238,425    | 739,563          | 601,266            | 302,111   | 16,478              | 26,784                        | 8,648,539  |
| 1953 ..           | 3,442,432        | 2,384,311 | 1,265,571    | 757,189          | 622,203            | 311,060   | 17,066              | 29,633                        | 8,829,465  |
| 31st Dec., 1953.. | 3,472,294        | 2,405,296 | 1,270,381    | 765,520          | 633,531            | 322,812   | 16,946              | 30,983                        | 8,917,763  |

(a) Revised A.C.T. estimates based on Census of Canberra, 14th-16th September, 1951, are as follows:—1948, 19,806; 1949, 21,245; 1950, 23,867.  
 (b) Census—30th June, 1947.

## OVERSEA MIGRATION.

Permanent migration refers to persons, other than Australian troops, intending residence for one year or longer—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. Temporary migration refers to persons intending residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops from July, 1947, onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

| Period.                 | Temporary.            |            |                         |            | Permanent. |                                 |   |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------------|---|
|                         | Australian Residents. |            | Visitors from Overseas. |            | Arrivals.  | Australian Residents Departing. | Excess of Arrivals (+) or Departures (-). |
|                         | Arriving.             | Departing. | Arriving.               | Departing. |            |                                 |   |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                       |            |                         |            |            |                                 |   |
| 1936-37 .. ..           | 1,910                 | 1,937      | 2,294                   | 2,297      | 1,148      | 953                             | + 195                                     |
| 1937-38 .. ..           | 2,127                 | 2,060      | 2,617                   | 2,678      | 1,478      | 925                             | + 553                                     |
| 1938-39 .. ..           | 2,145                 | 1,966      | 2,649                   | 2,742      | 2,081      | 1,055                           | + 1,026                                   |
|                         |                       |            |                         |            |            |                                 |   |
| 1946-47 (a) .. ..       | 793                   | 940        | 1,229                   | 1,430      | 1,918      | 2,107                           | - 189                                     |
| 1947-48 .. ..           | 2,238                 | 1,981      | 1,729                   | 1,897      | 3,881      | 1,523                           | + 2,358                                   |
| 1948-49 .. ..           | 2,008                 | 1,898      | 2,829                   | 2,566      | 9,568      | 1,511                           | + 8,057                                   |
| 1949-50 .. ..           | 2,336                 | 2,500      | 3,470                   | 3,644      | 15,407     | 1,608                           | + 13,799                                  |
| 1950-51 .. ..           | 2,812                 | 2,617      | 3,594                   | 3,753      | 12,774     | 1,729                           | + 11,045                                  |
| 1951-52 .. ..           | 3,251                 | 3,233      | 3,895                   | 4,085      | 10,872     | 2,126                           | + 8,746                                   |
| 1952-53 .. ..           | 3,351                 | 3,427      | 3,838                   | 4,198      | 7,991      | 2,717                           | + 5,274                                   |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                       |            |                         |            |            |                                 |   |
| 1951-52—                |                       |            |                         |            |            |                                 |   |
| January .. ..           | 4,333                 | 3,359      | 4,502                   | 4,908      | 8,558      | 2,302                           | + 6,256                                   |
| February .. ..          | 3,249                 | 4,186      | 4,292                   | 4,409      | 9,996      | 2,139                           | + 7,857                                   |
| March .. ..             | 3,997                 | 4,655      | 4,682                   | 4,613      | 16,675     | 2,015                           | + 14,660                                  |
| April .. ..             | 2,452                 | 4,497      | 4,065                   | 4,366      | 10,949     | 2,353                           | + 8,596                                   |
| May .. ..               | 2,318                 | 4,703      | 3,950                   | 5,036      | 9,650      | 2,730                           | + 6,920                                   |
| June .. ..              | 2,331                 | 2,919      | 3,092                   | 3,786      | 14,524     | 2,309                           | + 12,215                                  |
|                         |                       |            |                         |            |            |                                 |   |
| 1952-53—                |                       |            |                         |            |            |                                 |   |
| July .. ..              | 2,609                 | 2,938      | 3,537                   | 3,572      | 12,474     | 2,649                           | + 9,825                                   |
| August .. ..            | 2,824                 | 2,092      | 3,072                   | 3,843      | 9,537      | 2,682                           | + 6,855                                   |
| September .. ..         | 3,696                 | 2,561      | 3,604                   | 4,007      | 10,774     | 2,900                           | + 7,874                                   |
| October .. ..           | 4,161                 | 2,294      | 3,854                   | 3,818      | 6,781      | 2,820                           | + 3,961                                   |
| November .. ..          | 4,415                 | 2,253      | 3,775                   | 3,712      | 11,305     | 2,136                           | + 9,169                                   |
| December .. ..          | 3,932                 | 4,162      | 5,273                   | 4,748      | 6,601      | 3,335                           | + 3,266                                   |
| January .. ..           | 3,799                 | 3,589      | 3,907                   | 5,220      | 7,181      | 2,785                           | + 4,396                                   |
|                         |                       |            |                         |            |            |                                 |   |
| February .. ..          | 3,306                 | 4,014      | 4,042                   | 3,742      | 6,015      | 2,559                           | + 3,456                                   |
| March .. ..             | 3,496                 | 5,836      | 4,885                   | 5,335      | 8,268      | 3,187                           | + 5,081                                   |
| April .. ..             | 3,441                 | 5,021      | 4,379                   | 4,999      | 6,802      | 2,710                           | + 4,092                                   |
| May .. ..               | 2,310                 | 3,729      | 2,812                   | 4,266      | 3,493      | 2,856                           | + 637                                     |
| June .. ..              | 2,224                 | 2,640      | 2,918                   | 3,108      | 6,659      | 1,979                           | + 4,680                                   |
|                         |                       |            |                         |            |            |                                 |   |
| 1953-54—                |                       |            |                         |            |            |                                 |   |
| July .. ..              | 2,927                 | 2,731      | 2,941                   | 3,174      | 5,757      | 3,510                           | + 2,247                                   |
| August .. ..            | 3,432                 | 2,196      | 3,191                   | 2,840      | 5,600      | 2,365                           | + 3,235                                   |
| September .. ..         | 4,296                 | 2,092      | 3,448                   | 3,278      | 3,719      | 2,790                           | + 929                                     |
| October .. ..           | 4,828                 | 2,469      | 4,231                   | 3,833      | 6,205      | 2,878                           | + 3,327                                   |
| November .. ..          | 4,492                 | 2,167      | 4,079                   | 4,056      | 5,650      | 1,969                           | + 3,681                                   |
| December .. ..          | 4,144                 | 3,462      | 4,682                   | 4,399      | 9,566      | 2,444                           | + 7,122                                   |
| January .. ..           | 3,820                 | 4,109      | 4,113                   | 4,423      | 5,780      | 4,308                           | + 1,472                                   |

(a) Excludes troop movements.

# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.(a)

('000.)

| Month.          | Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.) |                    |         | Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups. |               |                            |                              |               |                             |  |
|-----------------|---|--------------------|---------|---|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--|
|                 | Governmental Authorities.(b)  | Private Employers. | Total.  | Mining and Quarrying.                       | Factories.(c) | Building and Construction. | Transport and Communication. | Retail Trade. | Other Commerce and Finance. | Professional and Personal Services.(d) |
| MALES.          |   |                    |         |   |               |                            |                              |               |                             |  |
| 1939—July ..    | 349.8   | 943.3              | 1,293.1 | 52.2  | 391.5         | 149.7                      | 185.9                        | 259.7         |                             | 133.6                                  |
| 1951—June ..    | 571.2   | 1,340.3            | 1,911.5 | 55.8  | 674.7         | 212.7                      | 294.7                        | 129.7         | 188.4                       | 171.7                                  |
| 1952—June ..    | 578.4   | 1,329.7            | 1,908.1 | 58.8  | 661.6         | 214.0                      | 299.9                        | 124.8         | 191.2                       | 173.2                                  |
| 1953—June ..    | 567.8   | 1,319.0            | 1,886.8 | 58.0  | 666.3         | 193.2                      | 295.1                        | 125.0         | 191.0                       | 174.1                                  |
| 1952—October .. | 567.5   | 1,301.6            | 1,869.1 | 59.8  | 646.1         | 197.1                      | 295.2                        | 122.8         | 190.3                       | 172.2                                  |
| November..      | 565.1   | 1,300.6            | 1,865.7 | 59.8  | 645.5         | 194.5                      | 294.3                        | 124.0         | 190.0                       | 172.2                                  |
| December..      | 564.5   | 1,299.4            | 1,863.9 | 59.5  | 644.0         | 191.8                      | 293.8                        | 126.5         | 189.8                       | 172.8                                  |
| 1953—January .. | 559.9   | 1,297.9            | 1,857.8 | 59.2  | 644.1         | 187.9                      | 293.9                        | 124.4         | 191.3                       | 172.7                                  |
| October ..      | 567.4   | 1,330.4            | 1,897.8 | 58.3  | 675.3         | 190.6                      | 296.4                        | 125.5         | 193.4                       | 174.6                                  |
| November..      | 568.7   | 1,337.9            | 1,906.6 | 58.5  | 679.4         | 191.4                      | 296.5                        | 127.8         | 194.2                       | 175.2                                  |
| December..      | 569.9   | 1,340.9            | 1,910.8 | 58.4  | 678.1         | 191.8                      | 296.4                        | 131.7         | 194.7                       | 175.8                                  |
| 1954—January .. | 568.1   | 1,344.2            | 1,912.3 | 58.1  | 680.7         | 191.7                      | 297.6                        | 128.4         | 196.2                       | 176.2                                  |
| FEMALES.        |   |                    |         |   |               |                            |                              |               |                             |  |
| 1939—July ..    | 55.2  | 381.9              | 437.1   | 0.3   | 148.2         | 1.2                        | 12.6                         | 114.9         |                             | 129.0                                  |
| 1951—June ..    | 113.9   | 604.9              | 718.8   | 0.8   | 234.4         | 3.8                        | 40.1                         | 119.1         | 71.3                        | 214.7                                  |
| 1952—June ..    | 115.3   | 564.1              | 679.4   | 0.9   | 199.2         | 4.2                        | 39.5                         | 112.6         | 72.9                        | 215.0                                  |
| 1953—June ..    | 112.0   | 561.7              | 673.7   | 0.9   | 202.9         | 4.3                        | 36.2                         | 109.9         | 71.5                        | 213.5                                  |
| 1952—October .. | 112.6   | 553.0              | 665.6   | 0.9   | 193.6         | 4.3                        | 37.4                         | 109.2         | 71.6                        | 213.8                                  |
| November..      | 112.2   | 554.7              | 666.9   | 0.9   | 194.0         | 4.3                        | 37.2                         | 111.0         | 71.6                        | 213.1                                  |
| December..      | 111.2   | 557.9              | 669.1   | 0.9   | 192.3         | 4.2                        | 36.9                         | 115.5         | 71.3                        | 213.3                                  |
| 1953—January .. | 110.3   | 553.9              | 664.2   | 0.9   | 193.7         | 4.1                        | 36.8                         | 110.4         | 72.1                        | 211.8                                  |
| October ..      | 111.8   | 574.5              | 686.3   | 0.9   | 211.1         | 4.5                        | 36.0                         | 111.5         | 72.7                        | 215.3                                  |
| November..      | 111.9   | 582.7              | 694.6   | 0.9   | 213.2         | 4.5                        | 36.0                         | 116.7         | 73.2                        | 215.6                                  |
| December..      | 111.3   | 590.0              | 701.3   | 0.9   | 213.9         | 4.5                        | 35.8                         | 122.4         | 73.5                        | 215.9                                  |
| 1954—January .. | 110.7   | 587.0              | 697.7   | 0.9   | 215.8         | 4.5                        | 36.0                         | 116.8         | 74.6                        | 214.8                                  |
| PERSONS.        |   |                    |         |   |               |                            |                              |               |                             |  |
| 1939—July ..    | 405.0   | 1,325.2            | 1,730.2 | 52.5  | 539.7         | 150.9                      | 198.5                        | 374.6         |                             | 262.6                                  |
| 1951—June ..    | 685.1   | 1,945.2            | 2,630.3 | 56.6  | 909.1         | 216.5                      | 334.8                        | 248.8         | 259.7                       | 386.4                                  |
| 1952—June ..    | 693.7   | 1,893.8            | 2,587.5 | 59.7  | 860.8         | 218.2                      | 339.4                        | 237.4         | 264.1                       | 388.2                                  |
| 1953—June ..    | 679.8   | 1,880.7            | 2,560.5 | 58.9  | 869.2         | 197.5                      | 331.3                        | 234.9         | 262.5                       | 387.6                                  |
| 1952—October .. | 680.1   | 1,854.6            | 2,534.7 | 60.7  | 839.7         | 201.4                      | 332.6                        | 232.0         | 261.9                       | 386.0                                  |
| November..      | 677.3   | 1,855.3            | 2,532.6 | 60.7  | 839.5         | 198.8                      | 331.5                        | 235.0         | 261.6                       | 385.3                                  |
| December..      | 675.7   | 1,857.3            | 2,533.0 | 60.4  | 836.3         | 196.0                      | 330.7                        | 242.0         | 261.1                       | 386.1                                  |
| 1953—January .. | 670.2   | 1,851.8            | 2,522.0 | 60.1  | 837.8         | 192.0                      | 330.7                        | 234.8         | 263.4                       | 384.5                                  |
| October ..      | 679.2   | 1,904.9            | 2,584.1 | 59.2  | 886.4         | 195.1                      | 332.4                        | 237.0         | 266.1                       | 389.9                                  |
| November..      | 680.6   | 1,920.6            | 2,601.2 | 59.4  | 892.6         | 195.9                      | 332.5                        | 244.5         | 267.4                       | 390.8                                  |
| December..      | 681.2   | 1,930.9            | 2,612.1 | 59.3  | 892.0         | 196.3                      | 332.2                        | 254.1         | 268.2                       | 391.7                                  |
| 1954—January .. | 678.8   | 1,931.2            | 2,610.0 | 59.0  | 896.5         | 196.2                      | 333.6                        | 245.2         | 270.8                       | 391.0                                  |

(a) Excludes defence forces, at home or abroad, and National Service trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. Figures from June, 1951 subject to revision. (b) Includes all employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, &c., as well as administrative employees within Australia. (c) Pay-roll series subject to revision. (d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, other Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.



# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : STATES.(a)

('000.)

| Month.            | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Australia. |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| MALES.            |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |
| 1939—July ..      | 529.9            | 357.5     | 172.8       | 106.7            | 82.9               | 37.4      | 2.1                 | 3.8                           | 1,293.1    |
| 1951—June ..      | 758.2            | 525.8     | 259.3       | 170.0            | 125.3              | 60.2      | 4.6                 | 8.1                           | 1,911.5    |
| 1952—June ..      | 754.4            | 524.4     | 258.1       | 171.5            | 126.0              | 61.0      | 4.4                 | 8.3                           | 1,908.1    |
| 1953—June ..      | 734.3            | 521.6     | 255.2       | 170.6            | 130.2              | 61.8      | 4.6                 | 8.5                           | 1,886.8    |
| 1952—September .. | 735.3            | 514.7     | 254.9       | 168.5            | 125.2              | 59.5      | 4.4                 | 8.4                           | 1,870.9    |
| October ..        | 730.3            | 516.7     | 255.0       | 168.3            | 126.3              | 59.7      | 4.4                 | 8.4                           | 1,869.1    |
| November ..       | 728.8            | 515.4     | 254.5       | 168.1            | 126.3              | 59.9      | 4.3                 | 8.4                           | 1,865.7    |
| December ..       | 727.1            | 516.8     | 251.8       | 168.0            | 126.7              | 60.6      | 4.4                 | 8.5                           | 1,863.9    |
| 1953—January ..   | 723.9            | 517.3     | 247.6       | 167.2            | 127.6              | 61.2      | 4.4                 | 8.6                           | 1,857.8    |
| September ..      | 735.3            | 522.4     | 256.0       | 171.3            | 130.9              | 61.1      | 4.8                 | 8.5                           | 1,890.3    |
| October ..        | 740.0            | 525.2     | 255.0       | 171.8            | 131.4              | 61.3      | 4.8                 | 8.3                           | 1,897.8    |
| November ..       | 745.0            | 527.1     | 255.4       | 172.8            | 131.9              | 61.3      | 4.8                 | 8.3                           | 1,906.6    |
| December ..       | 747.8            | 529.6     | 252.5       | 173.2            | 132.6              | 61.9      | 4.9                 | 8.3                           | 1,910.8    |
| 1954—January ..   | 748.1            | 530.9     | 251.8       | 173.5            | 133.0              | 61.9      | 4.9                 | 8.2                           | 1,912.3    |
| FEMALES.          |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |
| 1939—July ..      | 168.0            | 142.9     | 53.2        | 34.0             | 26.2               | 11.6      | 0.2                 | 1.0                           | 437.1      |
| 1951—June ..      | 290.9            | 219.6     | 86.1        | 57.0             | 41.6               | 20.3      | 0.8                 | 2.5                           | 718.8      |
| 1952—June ..      | 270.5            | 206.6     | 83.8        | 54.9             | 40.5               | 19.8      | 0.8                 | 2.5                           | 679.4      |
| 1953—June ..      | 266.2            | 205.9     | 83.7        | 53.4             | 41.0               | 20.1      | 0.9                 | 2.5                           | 673.7      |
| 1952—September .. | 263.8            | 202.7     | 83.7        | 53.0             | 40.3               | 19.1      | 0.8                 | 2.5                           | 665.9      |
| October ..        | 263.6            | 203.0     | 83.3        | 53.0             | 40.4               | 19.1      | 0.8                 | 2.4                           | 665.6      |
| November ..       | 264.0            | 203.5     | 83.6        | 52.8             | 40.6               | 19.2      | 0.8                 | 2.4                           | 666.9      |
| December ..       | 264.5            | 203.6     | 84.1        | 53.4             | 40.7               | 19.5      | 0.9                 | 2.4                           | 669.1      |
| 1953—January ..   | 262.3            | 202.4     | 83.6        | 53.3             | 39.8               | 19.5      | 0.8                 | 2.5                           | 664.2      |
| September ..      | 269.8            | 208.6     | 84.4        | 54.2             | 41.4               | 19.7      | 0.9                 | 2.5                           | 681.5      |
| October ..        | 272.2            | 210.0     | 84.5        | 54.5             | 41.8               | 19.9      | 0.9                 | 2.5                           | 686.3      |
| November ..       | 276.8            | 212.2     | 84.5        | 55.3             | 42.2               | 20.2      | 0.9                 | 2.5                           | 694.6      |
| December ..       | 278.8            | 214.6     | 85.1        | 56.2             | 42.6               | 20.6      | 0.9                 | 2.5                           | 701.3      |
| 1954—January ..   | 277.0            | 212.7     | 84.9        | 57.0             | 41.6               | 21.0      | 0.9                 | 2.6                           | 697.7      |
| PERSONS.          |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |
| 1939—July ..      | 697.9            | 500.4     | 226.0       | 140.7            | 109.1              | 49.0      | 2.3                 | 4.8                           | 1,730.2    |
| 1951—June ..      | 1,049.1          | 745.4     | 345.4       | 227.0            | 166.9              | 80.5      | 5.4                 | 10.6                          | 2,630.3    |
| 1952—June ..      | 1,024.9          | 731.0     | 341.9       | 226.4            | 166.5              | 80.8      | 5.2                 | 10.8                          | 2,587.5    |
| 1953—June ..      | 1,000.5          | 727.5     | 338.9       | 224.0            | 171.2              | 81.9      | 5.5                 | 11.0                          | 2,560.5    |
| 1952—September .. | 999.1            | 717.4     | 338.6       | 221.5            | 165.5              | 78.6      | 5.2                 | 10.9                          | 2,536.8    |
| October ..        | 993.9            | 719.7     | 338.3       | 221.3            | 166.7              | 78.8      | 5.2                 | 10.8                          | 2,534.7    |
| November ..       | 992.8            | 718.9     | 338.1       | 220.9            | 166.9              | 79.1      | 5.1                 | 10.8                          | 2,532.6    |
| December ..       | 991.6            | 720.4     | 335.9       | 221.4            | 167.4              | 80.1      | 5.3                 | 10.9                          | 2,533.0    |
| 1953—January ..   | 986.2            | 719.7     | 331.2       | 220.5            | 167.4              | 80.7      | 5.2                 | 11.1                          | 2,522.0    |
| September ..      | 1,005.1          | 731.0     | 340.4       | 225.5            | 172.3              | 80.8      | 5.7                 | 11.0                          | 2,571.8    |
| October ..        | 1,012.2          | 735.2     | 339.5       | 226.3            | 173.2              | 81.2      | 5.7                 | 10.8                          | 2,584.1    |
| November ..       | 1,021.8          | 739.3     | 339.9       | 228.1            | 174.1              | 81.5      | 5.7                 | 10.8                          | 2,601.2    |
| December ..       | 1,026.6          | 744.2     | 337.6       | 229.4            | 175.2              | 82.5      | 5.8                 | 10.8                          | 2,612.1    |
| 1954—January ..   | 1,025.1          | 743.6     | 336.7       | 230.5            | 174.6              | 82.9      | 5.8                 | 10.8                          | 2,610.0    |

(a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces and National Service trainees in camp. See also footnotes on page 6.

# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.(a)

| Period.                 | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. |          |          |   |                                       |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|---|---------------------------------------|
|                         |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           | Males.     | Females. | Persons. | Index—Av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. |                                       |
|                         |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |          |          | Un-adjusted.                                | Divided by Index of Total Population. |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> | '000.            | '000.     | '000.       | '000.            | '000.              | '000.     | '000.      | '000.    | '000.    |   |                                       |
| 1936-37 ..              | 197.8            | 183.0     | 45.9        | 39.3             | 21.4               | 11.8      | 359.6      | 139.6    | 499.2    | 950   | 959                                   |
| 1937-38 ..              | 215.6            | 193.6     | 49.6        | 42.6             | 22.0               | 12.5      | 387.7      | 148.2    | 535.9    | 1,019                                       | 1,019                                 |
| 1938-39 ..              | 219.5            | 193.9     | 51.5        | 42.0             | 22.1               | 13.2      | 391.8      | 150.4    | 542.2    | 1,031                                       | 1,022                                 |
| 1946-47 ..              | 331.3            | 256.1     | 68.6        | 68.2             | 32.2               | 19.2      | 578.2      | 197.4    | 775.6    | 1,475                                       | 1,347                                 |
| 1947-48 ..              | 349.8            | 268.1     | 73.0        | 71.1             | 34.0               | 20.3      | 611.5      | 204.8    | 816.3    | 1,553                                       | 1,397                                 |
| 1948-49 p ..            | 358.8            | 274.9     | 76.8        | 73.4             | 35.2               | 21.2      | 628.0      | 212.3    | 840.3    | 1,598                                       | 1,408                                 |
| 1949-50 p ..            | 358.8            | 281.5     | 79.6        | 75.7             | 36.6               | 21.9      | 636.9      | 217.2    | 854.1    | 1,624                                       | 1,386                                 |
| 1950-51 p ..            | 379.0            | 290.4     | 83.2        | 80.8             | 38.6               | 22.2      | 664.8      | 229.4    | 894.2    | 1,701                                       | 1,408                                 |
| 1951-52 p ..            | 377.9            | 292.2     | 83.1        | 81.3             | 38.8               | 22.0      | 672.3      | 223.0    | 895.3    | 1,703                                       | 1,369                                 |
| 1952-53 p ..            | 351.4            | 279.1     | 82.1        | 77.2             | 38.7               | 21.5      | 652.7      | 197.3    | 850.0    | 1,617                                       | 1,268                                 |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |          |          |   |                                       |
| 1951-52 p—              |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |          |          |   |                                       |
| January ..              | 380.2            | 294.5     | 80.3        | 82.3             | 39.0               | 22.5      | 675.4      | 223.4    | 898.8    | 1,710                                       | 1,374                                 |
| February ..             | 378.1            | 292.4     | 80.9        | 81.5             | 38.9               | 22.2      | 674.1      | 219.9    | 894.0    | 1,700                                       | 1,363                                 |
| March ..                | 375.2            | 291.7     | 79.7        | 81.7             | 38.9               | 22.2      | 672.9      | 216.5    | 889.4    | 1,692                                       | 1,354                                 |
| April ..                | 367.7            | 286.9     | 79.9        | 81.2             | 38.3               | 22.5      | 667.8      | 208.7    | 876.5    | 1,667                                       | 1,330                                 |
| May ..                  | 361.9            | 284.1     | 81.7        | 79.9             | 38.0               | 22.3      | 663.3      | 204.6    | 867.9    | 1,651                                       | 1,316                                 |
| June ..                 | 358.9            | 280.9     | 82.1        | 79.3             | 37.6               | 22.0      | 661.6      | 199.2    | 860.8    | 1,637                                       | 1,301                                 |
| 1952-53 p—              |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |          |          |   |                                       |
| July ..                 | 354.1            | 277.9     | 82.3        | 78.4             | 37.4               | 21.4      | 655.3      | 196.2    | 851.5    | 1,619                                       | 1,284                                 |
| August ..               | 350.3            | 274.5     | 82.7        | 77.1             | 38.0               | 20.8      | 650.0      | 193.4    | 843.4    | 1,604                                       | 1,269                                 |
| September ..            | 346.8            | 273.6     | 82.3        | 76.2             | 37.8               | 20.6      | 645.0      | 192.3    | 837.3    | 1,593                                       | 1,258                                 |
| October ..              | 347.0            | 275.3     | 82.7        | 76.0             | 38.1               | 20.6      | 646.1      | 193.6    | 839.7    | 1,597                                       | 1,258                                 |
| November ..             | 347.4            | 274.8     | 82.6        | 75.8             | 38.2               | 20.7      | 645.5      | 194.0    | 839.5    | 1,597                                       | 1,256                                 |
| December ..             | 345.5            | 274.5     | 80.5        | 76.4             | 38.2               | 21.2      | 644.0      | 192.3    | 836.3    | 1,591                                       | 1,249                                 |
| January ..              | 346.6            | 276.2     | 78.7        | 76.1             | 38.4               | 21.8      | 644.1      | 193.7    | 837.8    | 1,593                                       | 1,247                                 |
| February ..             | 351.6            | 281.5     | 80.9        | 77.8             | 38.9               | 21.9      | 652.9      | 199.7    | 852.6    | 1,622                                       | 1,268                                 |
| March ..                | 354.9            | 285.1     | 81.9        | 78.1             | 39.5               | 22.1      | 657.7      | 203.9    | 861.6    | 1,639                                       | 1,278                                 |
| April ..                | 356.3            | 285.1     | 82.7        | 78.4             | 39.8               | 22.2      | 661.3      | 203.2    | 864.5    | 1,644                                       | 1,280                                 |
| May ..                  | 357.6            | 285.2     | 83.3        | 78.1             | 39.9               | 22.2      | 663.5      | 202.8    | 866.3    | 1,648                                       | 1,282                                 |
| June ..                 | 358.2            | 286.0     | 84.7        | 78.4             | 39.9               | 22.0      | 666.3      | 202.9    | 869.2    | 1,653                                       | 1,284                                 |
| 1953-54 p—              |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |          |          |   |                                       |
| July ..                 | 358.7            | 286.9     | 85.9        | 78.3             | 39.9               | 21.7      | 667.2      | 204.2    | 871.4    | 1,657                                       | 1,286                                 |
| August ..               | 359.4            | 287.9     | 86.5        | 79.0             | 39.9               | 21.4      | 669.0      | 205.1    | 874.1    | 1,662                                       | 1,290                                 |
| September ..            | 362.3            | 289.7     | 86.1        | 79.6             | 39.9               | 21.5      | 671.4      | 207.7    | 879.1    | 1,672                                       | 1,296                                 |
| October ..              | 367.1            | 292.3     | 85.2        | 80.1             | 40.0               | 21.7      | 675.3      | 211.1    | 886.4    | 1,686                                       | 1,306                                 |
| November ..             | 370.2            | 294.3     | 85.2        | 80.9             | 40.2               | 21.8      | 679.4      | 213.2    | 892.6    | 1,698                                       | 1,313                                 |
| December ..             | 370.5            | 294.1     | 82.5        | 82.3             | 40.3               | 22.3      | 678.1      | 213.9    | 892.0    | 1,696                                       | 1,310                                 |
| January ..              | 371.0            | 296.4     | 81.9        | 83.9             | 40.3               | 23.0      | 680.7      | 215.8    | 896.5    | 1,705                                       | 1,311                                 |

(a) Excludes National Service trainees in camp.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

('000.)

| Period.                 | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia.(b) |          |          |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------|----------|----------|
|                         |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           | Males.        | Females. | Persons. |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |               |          |          |
| 1946-47.. ..            | 85.1             | 60.5      | 27.8        | 20.4             | 15.2               | 6.5       | 112.4         | 103.4    | 215.8    |
| 1947-48.. ..            | 91.0             | 63.4      | 29.2        | 21.8             | 16.3               | 6.7       | 121.2         | 107.6    | 228.8    |
| 1948-49.. ..            | 93.9             | 65.7      | 29.9        | 22.6             | 17.1               | 6.9       | 125.5         | 111.2    | 236.7    |
| 1949-50.. ..            | 93.4             | 66.8      | 30.2        | 23.1             | 17.6               | 7.0       | 126.7         | 112.0    | 238.7    |
| 1950-51.. ..            | 97.2             | 68.8      | 31.1        | 23.9             | 18.2               | 7.3       | 129.3         | 117.8    | 247.1    |
| 1951-52.. ..            | 95.9             | 68.6      | 31.3        | 23.6             | 18.4               | 7.3       | 128.0         | 117.7    | 245.7    |
| 1952-53.. ..            | 90.1             | 66.1      | 30.0        | 22.4             | 18.1               | 7.2       | 124.2         | 110.4    | 234.6    |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |               |          |          |
| 1951-52—                |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |               |          |          |
| January .. ..           | 96.5             | 69.0      | 31.5        | 24.0             | 18.5               | 7.4       | 128.5         | 119.0    | 247.5    |
| February .. ..          | 95.1             | 68.1      | 31.1        | 23.4             | 18.5               | 7.2       | 127.3         | 116.5    | 243.8    |
| March .. ..             | 94.1             | 67.7      | 30.4        | 23.1             | 18.3               | 7.3       | 126.3         | 115.3    | 241.6    |
| April .. ..             | 92.8             | 66.9      | 30.4        | 23.0             | 18.3               | 7.3       | 125.5         | 113.8    | 239.3    |
| May .. ..               | 92.7             | 66.7      | 30.4        | 23.1             | 18.2               | 7.2       | 125.3         | 113.6    | 238.9    |
| June .. ..              | 91.8             | 66.7      | 30.3        | 22.9             | 17.9               | 7.1       | 124.8         | 112.6    | 237.4    |
| 1952-53—                |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |               |          |          |
| July .. ..              | 90.7             | 66.3      | 30.2        | 22.7             | 17.8               | 7.2       | 124.0         | 111.5    | 235.5    |
| August .. ..            | 89.7             | 65.5      | 29.8        | 22.6             | 17.7               | 7.1       | 123.4         | 109.7    | 233.1    |
| September .. ..         | 89.0             | 64.9      | 29.8        | 22.5             | 17.8               | 7.1       | 122.7         | 109.1    | 231.8    |
| October .. ..           | 88.9             | 65.3      | 29.7        | 22.5             | 17.8               | 7.1       | 122.8         | 109.2    | 232.0    |
| November .. ..          | 90.3             | 66.2      | 30.1        | 22.5             | 18.0               | 7.2       | 124.0         | 111.0    | 235.0    |
| December .. ..          | 93.6             | 68.1      | 30.8        | 22.7             | 18.6               | 7.5       | 126.5         | 115.5    | 242.0    |
| January .. ..           | 90.2             | 66.1      | 30.2        | 22.2             | 18.1               | 7.4       | 124.4         | 110.4    | 234.8    |
| February .. ..          | 89.8             | 66.1      | 30.0        | 22.2             | 18.1               | 7.2       | 124.2         | 109.9    | 234.1    |
| March .. ..             | 89.8             | 66.2      | 29.8        | 21.8             | 17.9               | 7.3       | 123.9         | 109.6    | 233.5    |
| April .. ..             | 89.7             | 66.0      | 29.9        | 22.4             | 18.2               | 7.3       | 124.5         | 109.6    | 234.1    |
| May .. ..               | 89.9             | 66.2      | 30.0        | 22.3             | 18.3               | 7.3       | 124.8         | 109.9    | 234.7    |
| June .. ..              | 89.9             | 66.1      | 30.2        | 22.6             | 18.4               | 7.2       | 125.0         | 109.9    | 234.9    |
| 1953-54—                |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |               |          |          |
| July .. ..              | 89.8             | 65.4      | 30.2        | 22.4             | 18.4               | 7.3       | 124.3         | 109.8    | 234.1    |
| August .. ..            | 90.1             | 65.4      | 30.1        | 22.4             | 18.3               | 7.3       | 124.5         | 109.7    | 234.2    |
| September .. ..         | 90.1             | 65.8      | 30.2        | 22.6             | 18.4               | 7.2       | 124.8         | 110.2    | 235.0    |
| October .. ..           | 90.9             | 66.4      | 30.4        | 22.7             | 18.7               | 7.3       | 125.5         | 111.5    | 237.0    |
| November .. ..          | 95.2             | 67.7      | 31.0        | 23.5             | 19.0               | 7.6       | 127.8         | 116.7    | 244.5    |
| December .. ..          | 99.1             | 71.7      | 31.8        | 23.4             | 19.7               | 7.9       | 131.7         | 122.4    | 254.1    |
| January .. ..           | 95.2             | 67.5      | 31.3        | 23.3             | 19.3               | 7.9       | 128.4         | 116.8    | 245.2    |

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Excludes National Service trainees in camp. Figures subject to revision.  
 (b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.



## AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 80 per cent. of total employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

| Period.                                  | New South Wales.(a) | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia.(b) | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. |
|--|---------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000). |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| 1946-47 .. ..                            | 5,838               | 3,958     | 1,770       | 1,150               | 827                | 409       | 13,952     |
| 1947-48 .. ..                            | 6,976               | 4,719     | 2,069       | 1,369               | 954                | 492       | 16,579     |
| 1948-49 .. ..                            | 8,133               | 5,540     | 2,503       | 1,644               | 1,120              | 580       | 19,520     |
| 1949-50 .. ..                            | 9,018               | 6,370     | 2,838       | 1,894               | 1,315              | 672       | 22,107     |
| 1950-51 .. ..                            | 11,385              | 7,916     | 3,501       | 2,389               | 1,639              | 817       | 27,647     |
| 1951-52 .. ..                            | 14,364              | 9,816     | 4,319       | 3,018               | 2,108              | 1,059     | 34,684     |
| 1952-53 .. ..                            | 15,090              | 10,490    | 4,750       | 3,311               | 2,344              | 1,178     | 37,163     |
| 1951-52—                                 |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| September Qtr. ..                        | 13,387              | 9,292     | 4,099       | 2,808               | 1,987              | 950       | 32,523     |
| December .. ..                           | 14,988              | 10,122    | 4,439       | 3,054               | 2,110              | 1,046     | 35,759     |
| March .. ..                              | 14,083              | 9,537     | 4,143       | 3,005               | 2,073              | 1,079     | 33,920     |
| June .. ..                               | 14,998              | 10,315    | 4,594       | 3,205               | 2,265              | 1,160     | 36,537     |
| 1952-53—                                 |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| September .. ..                          | 14,934              | 10,181    | 4,661       | 3,243               | 2,281              | 1,107     | 36,407     |
| December .. ..                           | 15,729              | 11,017    | 5,003       | 3,454               | 2,394              | 1,174     | 38,771     |
| March .. ..                              | 14,241              | 9,932     | 4,501       | 3,147               | 2,288              | 1,181     | 35,290     |
| June .. ..                               | 15,456              | 10,828    | 4,837       | 3,401               | 2,413              | 1,248     | 38,183     |
| 1953-54—                                 |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| September .. ..                          | 15,654              | 11,059    | 4,970       | 3,483               | 2,560              | 1,218     | 38,944     |
| December .. ..                           | 16,754              | 11,748    | 5,224       | 3,641               | 2,673              | 1,296     | 41,336     |

### AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£).(c)

|                   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1946-47 .. ..     | 6.81  | 6.86  | 6.00  | 6.19  | 6.18  | 5.94  | 6.59  |
| 1947-48 .. ..     | 7.73  | 7.80  | 6.58  | 7.02  | 6.87  | 6.72  | 7.44  |
| 1948-49 .. ..     | 8.73  | 8.84  | 7.63  | 8.03  | 7.75  | 7.56  | 8.44  |
| 1949-50 .. ..     | 9.50  | 9.78  | 8.34  | 8.83  | 8.65  | 8.49  | 9.26  |
| 1950-51 .. ..     | 11.46 | 11.70 | 9.82  | 10.58 | 10.23 | 9.99  | 11.09 |
| 1951-52 .. ..     | 14.24 | 14.20 | 11.93 | 13.13 | 12.80 | 12.59 | 13.65 |
| 1952-53 .. ..     | 15.50 | 15.46 | 13.32 | 14.58 | 14.13 | 13.97 | 14.95 |
| 1951-52—          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| September Qtr. .. | 13.26 | 13.45 | 11.18 | 12.26 | 12.14 | 11.42 | 12.79 |
| December .. ..    | 14.75 | 14.65 | 12.21 | 13.31 | 12.83 | 12.47 | 14.04 |
| March .. ..       | 13.94 | 13.73 | 11.58 | 13.03 | 12.56 | 12.75 | 13.34 |
| June .. ..        | 15.02 | 14.99 | 12.76 | 13.90 | 13.68 | 13.69 | 14.46 |
| 1952-53—          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| September .. ..   | 15.23 | 15.06 | 12.96 | 14.26 | 13.93 | 13.35 | 14.62 |
| December .. ..    | 16.24 | 16.30 | 13.99 | 15.30 | 14.55 | 14.13 | 15.66 |
| March .. ..       | 14.70 | 14.60 | 12.76 | 13.91 | 13.75 | 13.83 | 14.23 |
| June .. ..        | 15.84 | 15.86 | 13.55 | 14.86 | 14.31 | 14.52 | 15.28 |
| 1953-54—          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| September .. ..   | 16.01 | 16.18 | 13.81 | 15.19 | 15.08 | 14.45 | 15.55 |
| December .. ..    | 16.87 | 16.99 | 14.58 | 15.81 | 15.60 | 15.23 | 16.33 |

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Total wages as above divided by total civil employment expressed in male units. Male units equals the number of males plus a proportion of females based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

# UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of Part VII. of the Social Services Consolidation Act 1947-1953 and of the Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944 (operative from 1st July, 1945 to 30th June, 1947) which it repealed.

## NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH.(a)

| Period.                 | Unemployment.       |           |             |                     |                    |           |            | Sickness.     | Special.(b)   |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|---------------|---------------|
|                         | New South Wales.(c) | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia.(d) | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. | Australia.(e) | Australia.(e) |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |               |               |
| 1947-48.. ..            | 637                 | 140       | 2,640       | 49                  | 390                | 32        | 3,888      | 8,538         | 517           |
| 1948-49.. ..            | 282                 | 32        | 1,094       | 15                  | 121                | 31        | 1,575      | 7,614         | 591           |
| 1949-50.. ..            | 8,327               | 123       | 1,371       | 241                 | 155                | 30        | 10,247     | 7,585         | 897           |
| 1950-51.. ..            | 287                 | 71        | 326         | 6                   | 59                 | 14        | 763        | 7,059         | 863           |
| 1951-52.. ..            | 949                 | 220       | 1,374       | 24                  | 64                 | 16        | 2,647      | 6,454         | 993           |
| 1952-53.. ..            | 17,590              | 6,168     | 4,281       | 842                 | 841                | 262       | 29,984     | 7,140         | 1,408         |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |               |               |
| 1951-52—                |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |               |               |
| February (e) (f)        | 460                 | 40        | 2,293       | 4                   | 50                 | 5         | 2,852      | 6,131         | 997           |
| March .. ..             | 858                 | 111       | 2,742       | 23                  | 55                 | 7         | 3,796      | 6,408         | 1,047         |
| April .. ..             | 1,370               | 279       | 2,530       | 18                  | 55                 | 9         | 4,261      | 5,977         | 1,063         |
| May .. ..               | 2,687               | 379       | 2,016       | 57                  | 82                 | 24        | 5,245      | 6,241         | 1,055         |
| June .. ..              | 4,613               | 1,133     | 2,055       | 153                 | 236                | 104       | 8,294      | 6,378         | 1,148         |
| 1952-53—                |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |               |               |
| July .. ..              | 7,300               | 2,947     | 2,188       | 448                 | 618                | 179       | 13,680     | 6,387         | 1,172         |
| August .. ..            | 13,661              | 6,454     | 2,631       | 878                 | 954                | 299       | 24,877     | 6,556         | 1,153         |
| September ..            | 15,982              | 7,058     | 2,716       | 954                 | 790                | 306       | 27,806     | 6,830         | 1,170         |
| October (f) ..          | 19,004              | 7,042     | 3,200       | 1,062               | 875                | 367       | 31,550     | 6,661         | 1,458         |
| November ..             | 20,839              | 7,685     | 3,289       | 1,080               | 921                | 316       | 34,130     | 7,137         | 1,368         |
| December ..             | 25,118              | 7,817     | 4,452       | 1,209               | 1,233              | 257       | 40,086     | 6,382         | 1,289         |
| January ..              | 23,653              | 8,416     | 7,034       | 1,205               | 1,136              | 189       | 41,633     | 7,077         | 1,399         |
| February ..             | 20,867              | 5,158     | 7,002       | 730                 | 816                | 188       | 34,761     | 7,436         | 1,375         |
| March .. ..             | 17,802              | 4,422     | 5,882       | 644                 | 701                | 223       | 29,674     | 7,860         | 1,284         |
| April .. ..             | 16,871              | 5,454     | 4,972       | 658                 | 700                | 250       | 28,905     | 7,418         | 1,590         |
| May .. ..               | 15,351              | 5,630     | 4,333       | 576                 | 654                | 243       | 26,787     | 7,804         | 1,648         |
| June .. ..              | 14,629              | 5,939     | 3,677       | 655                 | 691                | 323       | 25,914     | 8,135         | 1,985         |
| 1953-54—                |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |               |               |
| July .. ..              | 14,296              | 6,052     | 3,154       | 728                 | 870                | 405       | 25,505     | 8,421         | 2,050         |
| August .. ..            | 12,222              | 5,549     | 2,794       | 596                 | 689                | 447       | 22,297     | 8,546         | 1,846         |
| September ..            | 9,975               | 4,567     | 2,591       | 427                 | 541                | 427       | 18,528     | 8,546         | 1,875         |
| October .. ..           | 7,070               | 3,314     | 2,495       | 289                 | 445                | 312       | 13,925     | 8,241         | 1,871         |
| November ..             | 5,659               | 2,367     | 2,488       | 224                 | 374                | 223       | 11,335     | 8,181         | 1,868         |
| December ..             | 5,742               | 2,202     | 3,279       | 198                 | 386                | 142       | 11,949     | 7,824         | 1,839         |
| January ..              | 5,589               | 1,920     | 5,295       | 132                 | 388                | 99        | 13,423     | 7,412         | 1,833         |
| February ..             | 4,445               | 1,539     | 5,397       | 99                  | 288                | 110       | 11,878     | 7,727         | 1,862         |

(a) Last Saturday of month. (b) Excludes migrants. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (d) Includes Northern Territory. (e) Figures in these columns are as furnished by the Department of Social Services. (f) From February to September, 1952, the figures represent the number of persons on the cash sheet at the end of each month; thereafter, the figures represent the number actually on benefit.

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# UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS—continued.

NUMBER ADMITTED TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AND AMOUNT PAID IN BENEFITS : AUSTRALIA.

| Period.                 | Number Admitted to Unemployment Benefit. |          |          | Amount Paid in Benefits. |           |           |           |          |
|-------------------------|--|----------|----------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
|                         | Males.                                   | Females. | Persons. | Unem-<br>ployment.       | Sickness. | Special—  |           | Total.   |
|                         |  |          |          |                          |           | Migrants. | Ordinary. |          |
|                         |  |          |          | £                        | £         | £         | £         | £        |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |  |          |          |                          |           |           |           |          |
| 1947-48.. ..            | 2,273                                    | 116      | 2,389    | 30,802                   | 65,944    | 1,319     | 3,391     | 101,456  |
| 1948-49.. ..            | 955                                      | 56       | 1,011    | 11,570                   | 66,319    | 7,088     | 4,225     | 89,202   |
| 1949-50.. ..            | 10,854                                   | 2,571    | 13,425   | 105,506                  | 68,001    | 35,361    |           | 208,868  |
| 1950-51.. ..            | 881                                      | 111      | 992      | 5,204                    | 62,143    | 13,520    | 5,568     | 86,435   |
| 1951-52.. ..            | 1,771                                    | 520      | 2,291    | 15,584                   | 59,157    | 6,911     | 2,319     | 83,971   |
| 1952-53.. ..            | 12,793                                   | 1,797    | 14,590   | 380,812                  | 116,108   | 8,172     | 16,197    | 521,289  |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |  |          |          |                          |           |           |           |          |
| 1951-52—                |  |          |          |                          |           |           |           |          |
| February .. ..          | 1,605                                    | 448      | 2,053    | 24,057                   | 58,020    | 3,175     | 7,130     | 92,382   |
| March .. ..             | 2,442                                    | 947      | 3,389    | 22,279                   | 51,699    | 1,401     | 6,608     | 81,987   |
| April .. ..             | 2,251                                    | 954      | 3,205    | 26,442                   | 53,215    | 1,741     | 7,297     | 88,695   |
| May .. ..               | 3,085                                    | 1,440    | 4,525    | 29,037                   | 55,993    | 4,712     | 6,517     | 96,259   |
| June .. ..              | 5,068                                    | 1,500    | 6,568    | 42,345                   | 61,706    | 5,480     | 9,265     | 118,796  |
| 1952-53—                |  |          |          |                          |           |           |           |          |
| July .. ..              | 9,037                                    | 2,049    | 11,086   | 62,782                   | 52,981    | 15,648    | 8,391     | 139,802  |
| August .. ..            | 18,387                                   | 3,257    | 21,644   | 108,369                  | 59,372    | 9,963     | 9,420     | 187,124  |
| September .. ..         | 13,491                                   | 1,914    | 15,405   | 165,905                  | 64,754    | 10,213    | 6,007     | 246,879  |
| October .. ..           | 14,502                                   | 1,839    | 16,341   | 322,697                  | 102,636   | 15,193    | 10,095    | 450,621  |
| November .. ..          | 17,071                                   | 2,158    | 19,229   | 418,642                  | 125,295   | 3,649     | 21,388    | 568,974  |
| December .. ..          | 12,611                                   | 1,572    | 14,183   | 466,964                  | 125,610   | 4,358     | 19,753    | 616,685  |
| January .. ..           | 19,276                                   | 1,651    | 20,927   | 554,904                  | 145,912   | 10,905    | 22,529    | 734,250  |
| February .. ..          | 11,509                                   | 1,513    | 13,022   | 619,691                  | 145,556   | 9,706     | 17,999    | 792,952  |
| March .. ..             | 8,525                                    | 1,249    | 9,774    | 479,235                  | 122,060   | 3,525     | 14,134    | 618,954  |
| April .. ..             | 9,641                                    | 1,299    | 10,940   | 413,500                  | 116,520   | 5,844     | 15,348    | 551,212  |
| May .. ..               | 10,716                                   | 1,698    | 12,414   | 489,769                  | 169,313   | 6,857     | 23,463    | 689,402  |
| June .. ..              | 8,746                                    | 1,371    | 10,117   | 467,289                  | 163,285   | 2,204     | 25,839    | 658,617  |
| 1953-54—                |  |          |          |                          |           |           |           |          |
| July .. ..              | 8,233                                    | 1,467    | 9,700    | 367,739                  | 142,114   | 7,141     | 28,352    | 545,346  |
| August .. ..            | 8,153                                    | 1,377    | 9,530    | 332,777                  | 144,316   | 2,822     | 26,808    | 506,723  |
| September .. ..         | 4,772                                    | 838      | 5,610    | 317,878                  | 153,423   | 3,734     | 27,103    | 502,138  |
| October .. ..           | 4,565                                    | 845      | 5,410    | 265,396                  | 151,519   | 722       | 25,720    | 443,357  |
| November .. ..          | 2,919                                    | 630      | 3,549    | 196,558                  | 146,036   | 3,355     | 26,119    | 372,068  |
| December .. ..          | 3,448                                    | 523      | 3,971    | 178,023                  | 163,169   | 3,647     | r27,693   | r372,532 |
| January .. ..           | 6,883                                    | 749      | 7,632    | 174,118                  | 135,747   | 7,449     | 21,595    | 338,909  |
| February .. ..          | 4,310                                    | 714      | 5,024    | 170,361                  | 121,033   | 4,628     | 19,923    | 315,945  |

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## TRADE UNION UNEMPLOYMENT RETURNS.

The only records of unemployment available continuously over a long period of years at short intervals are the quarterly percentages reported by trade unions to the Commonwealth Statistician. The membership of the reporting unions consists predominantly of males, and represents at present about 55 per cent. of the total trade union membership and between 25 and 30 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. For some States and some industries the returns are more representative than for others. This table, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment amongst unionists in the individual States or industrial groups. It is an indication of trend of unemployment as estimated or recorded by secretaries of those trade unions which supply returns. Returns are not collected from unions whose members are predominantly in permanent employment (Governmental, &c.) or casual employment (wharf labourers, &c.). The percentages relate to unemployment due to all causes except unemployment of those directly involved in industrial disputes.

(Per Cent.)

| Period.     |    |    | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. |
|-------------|----|----|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| 1936-37     | .. | .. | 12.8             | 10.1      | 7.4         | 9.4              | 6.0                | 8.4       | 10.6       |
| 1937-38     | .. | .. | 10.0             | 8.2       | 6.9         | 7.3              | 5.4                | 6.8       | 8.5        |
| 1938-39     | .. | .. | 10.3             | 10.0      | 6.0         | 9.4              | 6.5                | 8.9       | 9.3        |
| 1946-47     | .. | .. | 1.5              | 1.3       | 0.9         | 1.1              | 1.4                | 2.3       | 1.4        |
| 1947-48     | .. | .. | 1.0              | 0.9       | 0.6         | 0.9              | 1.1                | 1.5       | 1.0        |
| 1948-49     | .. | .. | 0.9              | 0.8       | 0.4         | 1.0              | 0.8                | 0.6       | 0.8        |
| 1949-50 (a) | .. | .. | 3.3              | 0.7       | 0.9         | 2.2              | 1.1                | 0.7       | 2.0        |
| 1950-51     | .. | .. | 0.9              | 0.7       | 0.5         | 0.9              | 0.8                | 0.6       | 0.8        |
| 1951-52 p   | .. | .. | 1.3              | 1.0       | 0.9         | 1.1              | 0.9                | 1.7       | 1.2        |
| 1952-53 p   | .. | .. | 4.1              | 4.3       | 2.1         | 3.1              | 1.7                | 4.6       | 3.7        |
| 1950-51—    |    |    |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |
| August      | .. | .. | 1.1              | 0.7       | 0.5         | 1.1              | 0.8                | 0.5       | 0.8        |
| November    | .. | .. | 0.9              | 0.7       | 0.3         | 0.9              | 0.9                | 0.4       | 0.7        |
| February    | .. | .. | 0.8              | 0.6       | 0.2         | 0.7              | 0.7                | 0.6       | 0.7        |
| May         | .. | .. | 0.9              | 0.6       | 0.8         | 0.8              | 0.7                | 1.0       | 0.8        |
| 1951-52—    |    |    |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |
| August      | .. | .. | 0.6              | 0.5       | 0.2         | 0.8              | 0.7                | 1.2       | 0.6        |
| November    | .. | .. | 0.7              | 0.7       | 0.4         | 0.8              | 0.7                | 0.9       | 0.7        |
| February p  | .. | .. | 1.2              | 1.0       | 1.1         | 0.9              | 0.5                | 1.1       | 1.1        |
| May p       | .. | .. | 2.8              | 1.6       | 1.8         | 2.0              | 1.6                | 3.4       | 2.2        |
| 1952-53 p—  |    |    |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |
| August      | .. | .. | 4.2              | 4.9       | 2.5         | 3.8              | 2.4                | 5.2       | 4.0        |
| November    | .. | .. | 4.8              | 4.8       | 1.8         | 3.2              | 1.5                | 5.2       | 4.1        |
| February    | .. | .. | 3.9              | 3.8       | 2.2         | 2.8              | 1.6                | 4.7       | 3.4        |
| May         | .. | .. | 3.5              | 3.7       | 2.0         | 2.4              | 1.2                | 3.3       | 3.1        |

(a) Includes all members of reporting unions indirectly affected by the industrial dispute in the coal mining industry; those directly affected are, however, excluded.

NOTE.—Fuller particulars are shown in the *Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics*.

### INDUSTRIAL GROUPS: CHANGE FROM FEBRUARY, 1953 TO MAY, 1953.

Manufacturing—I. Wood, furniture, &c., 5.5% to 4.1%; II. Engineering, metal works, &c., 2.1% to 1.5%; III. Food, drink, tobacco, &c., Nil (4.8%); IV. Clothing, textiles, &c., 1.1% to 1.2%; V. Books, printing, &c., 0.5% to 0.3%; VI. Other Manufacturing, 9.2% to 7.6%; VII. Building, 5.6% to 6.4%; VIII. Mining, quarrying, &c., Nil (2.4%); X. Land Transport, other than railway and tramway services, 2.6% to 1.2%; IX., XI., XII., XIII. and XIV., Other and Miscellaneous, 2.6% to 2.8%; All groups—3.4% to 3.1%.

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# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

| Period.          | Producers' Materials for use in— |     |                   |     |                |      |          |      | Fuels and Lubricants. |      | Auxiliary Aids to Production. |     | Munitions and War Stores. |      |
|------------------|----------------------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|----------------|------|----------|------|-----------------------|------|-------------------------------|-----|---------------------------|------|
|                  | Building and Construction.       |     | Rural Industries. |     | Manufacturing. |      | Total.   |      |                       |      |                               |     |                           |      |
|                  | Class Ia.                        |     | Class Ib.         |     | Class Ic.      |      | Class I. |      | Class II.             |      | Class III.                    |     | Class VII.                |      |
| Monthly Average— |                                  | %   |                   | %   |                | %    |          | %    |                       | %    |                               | %   |                           | %    |
| 1936-37 ..       | 347                              | 4.0 | 143               | 1.7 | 3,435          | 39.9 | 3,925    | 45.6 | 621                   | 7.2  | 408                           | 4.7 | 31                        | 0.4  |
| 1937-38 ..       | 472                              | 4.4 | 155               | 1.5 | 4,285          | 40.2 | 4,912    | 46.1 | 784                   | 7.4  | 470                           | 4.4 | 36                        | 0.4  |
| 1938-39 ..       | 385                              | 4.1 | 171               | 1.8 | 3,599          | 38.2 | 4,155    | 44.1 | 736                   | 7.8  | 469                           | 4.9 | 88                        | 0.9  |
| 1946-47 ..       | 405                              | 2.3 | 316               | 1.8 | 7,595          | 43.8 | 8,316    | 47.9 | 1,527                 | 8.8  | 1,129                         | 6.5 | 428                       | 2.5  |
| 1947-48 ..       | 727                              | 2.6 | 289               | 1.0 | 12,362         | 43.9 | 13,378   | 47.5 | 2,379                 | 8.4  | 2,059                         | 7.3 | 129                       | 0.5  |
| 1948-49 ..       | 1,194                            | 3.5 | 318               | 0.9 | 13,545         | 39.2 | 15,057   | 43.6 | 3,037                 | 8.8  | 2,212                         | 6.4 | 257                       | 0.7  |
| 1949-50 ..       | 2,026                            | 4.5 | 431               | 1.0 | 14,438         | 32.3 | 16,895   | 37.8 | 3,852                 | 8.6  | 2,390                         | 5.4 | 129                       | 0.3  |
| 1950-51 ..       | 3,416                            | 5.5 | 416               | 0.7 | 23,479         | 38.0 | 27,311   | 44.2 | 5,029                 | 8.1  | 2,829                         | 4.6 | 94                        | 0.2  |
| 1951-52 ..       | 4,898                            | 5.6 | 518               | 0.6 | 34,630         | 39.6 | 40,046   | 45.8 | 5,902                 | 6.7  | 5,236                         | 6.0 | 1,132                     | 1.3  |
| 1952-53 ..       | 1,482                            | 3.5 | 368               | 0.9 | 14,620         | 34.4 | 16,470   | 38.8 | 5,313                 | 12.5 | 1,894                         | 4.5 | 755                       | 1.8  |
| Monthly Total—   |                                  |     |                   |     |                |      |          |      |                       |      |                               |     |                           |      |
| 1951-52—         |                                  |     |                   |     |                |      |          |      |                       |      |                               |     |                           |      |
| January ..       | 8,144                            | 7.1 | 620               | 0.5 | 46,944         | 41.1 | 55,708   | 48.7 | 8,079                 | 7.1  | 4,522                         | 4.0 | 1,753                     | 1.5  |
| February ..      | 5,604                            | 5.3 | 471               | 0.4 | 41,109         | 38.8 | 47,184   | 44.5 | 5,515                 | 5.2  | 7,709                         | 7.3 | 1,509                     | 1.4  |
| March ..         | 4,736                            | 5.5 | 334               | 0.4 | 31,587         | 37.0 | 36,657   | 42.9 | 6,540                 | 7.7  | 5,704                         | 6.7 | 1,663                     | 1.9  |
| April ..         | 4,528                            | 5.6 | 396               | 0.5 | 29,541         | 36.2 | 34,465   | 42.3 | 5,595                 | 6.9  | 4,793                         | 5.9 | 2,127                     | 2.6  |
| May ..           | 3,629                            | 4.8 | 497               | 0.7 | 24,611         | 32.7 | 28,737   | 38.2 | 6,753                 | 9.0  | 5,042                         | 6.7 | 2,626                     | 3.5  |
| June ..          | 1,828                            | 3.3 | 310               | 0.6 | 19,467         | 35.5 | 21,605   | 39.4 | 6,021                 | 11.0 | 3,255                         | 5.9 | 2,051                     | 3.8  |
| 1952-53—         |                                  |     |                   |     |                |      |          |      |                       |      |                               |     |                           |      |
| July ..          | 1,736                            | 3.5 | 385               | 0.8 | 16,940         | 33.9 | 19,061   | 38.2 | 6,608                 | 13.3 | 4,240                         | 8.5 | 890                       | 1.8  |
| August ..        | 836                              | 2.1 | 405               | 1.0 | 15,161         | 38.3 | 16,402   | 41.4 | 5,465                 | 13.8 | 2,879                         | 7.3 | 297                       | 0.8  |
| September ..     | 1,490                            | 3.5 | 458               | 1.1 | 15,464         | 36.6 | 17,412   | 41.2 | 6,222                 | 14.7 | 1,844                         | 4.4 | 381                       | 0.9  |
| October ..       | 1,722                            | 3.8 | 403               | 0.9 | 13,500         | 30.2 | 15,625   | 34.9 | 5,924                 | 13.2 | 814                           | 1.8 | 305                       | 0.7  |
| November ..      | 1,395                            | 3.9 | 246               | 0.7 | 12,565         | 35.4 | 14,206   | 40.0 | 4,551                 | 12.8 | 1,227                         | 3.5 | 407                       | 1.1  |
| December ..      | 1,400                            | 3.7 | 276               | 0.7 | 12,329         | 31.9 | 14,005   | 36.3 | 5,127                 | 13.3 | 1,358                         | 3.6 | 223                       | 0.6  |
| January ..       | 1,407                            | 3.1 | 316               | 0.7 | 15,906         | 35.6 | 17,629   | 39.4 | 5,549                 | 12.4 | 1,575                         | 3.5 | 267                       | 0.6  |
| February ..      | 1,280                            | 3.1 | 404               | 1.0 | 13,393         | 32.2 | 15,077   | 36.3 | 4,910                 | 11.8 | 1,330                         | 3.2 | 4,362                     | 10.5 |
| March ..         | 1,478                            | 3.3 | 331               | 0.8 | 15,620         | 35.3 | 17,429   | 39.4 | 4,472                 | 10.1 | 1,642                         | 3.7 | 222                       | 0.5  |
| April ..         | 1,525                            | 3.6 | 337               | 0.7 | 14,393         | 33.3 | 16,255   | 37.6 | 5,802                 | 13.4 | 1,514                         | 3.5 | 459                       | 1.1  |
| May ..           | 1,762                            | 4.0 | 500               | 1.1 | 15,683         | 35.5 | 17,945   | 40.6 | 4,961                 | 11.2 | 2,072                         | 4.7 | 621                       | 1.4  |
| June ..          | 1,749                            | 4.2 | 363               | 0.9 | 14,483         | 34.5 | 16,595   | 39.6 | 4,170                 | 9.9  | 2,238                         | 5.3 | 625                       | 1.5  |
| 1953-54 p—       |                                  |     |                   |     |                |      |          |      |                       |      |                               |     |                           |      |
| July ..          | 1,455                            | 2.8 | 358               | 0.7 | 17,737         | 34.1 | 19,550   | 37.6 | 6,541                 | 12.6 | 2,043                         | 3.9 | 518                       | 1.0  |
| August ..        | 1,866                            | 3.6 | 364               | 0.7 | 18,760         | 35.9 | 20,990   | 40.2 | 4,565                 | 8.7  | 2,144                         | 4.1 | 747                       | 1.5  |
| September ..     | 1,875                            | 3.5 | 358               | 0.7 | 18,249         | 34.4 | 20,482   | 38.6 | 6,258                 | 11.8 | 2,473                         | 4.6 | 239                       | 0.5  |
| October ..       | 1,611                            | 3.2 | 306               | 0.6 | 18,018         | 35.7 | 19,935   | 39.5 | 5,786                 | 11.5 | 1,201                         | 2.4 | 328                       | 0.6  |
| November ..      | 1,626                            | 3.2 | 383               | 0.8 | 18,628         | 36.7 | 20,637   | 40.7 | 6,152                 | 12.2 | 1,372                         | 2.7 | 497                       | 1.0  |
| December ..      | 2,126                            | 3.6 | 607               | 1.0 | 21,037         | 35.9 | 23,770   | 40.5 | 4,725                 | 8.1  | 1,896                         | 3.2 | 375                       | 0.6  |

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# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

| Period           | Capital Equipment.    |             |                                   |                   |  |                    | Finished Consumers' Goods.   |              |                           |                |            |           |        |       |
|------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------|------------|-----------|--------|-------|
|                  | Producers' Equipment. |             | Transport Equipment.              |                   |  |                    | Food, Beverages and Tobacco. |              | Clothing and Accessories. |                | All Other. |           | Total. |       |
|                  |                       |             | Road Vehicles and Complete Parts. |                   | Railway Equipment, Vessels and Civil Aircraft. |                    |                              |              |                           |                |            |           |        |       |
|                  |                       |             |                                   |                   |  |                    |                              |              |                           |                |            |           |        |       |
| Class IV.        |                       | Class V. B. |                                   | Class V. A, C, D. |  | Class VI. A, B, C. |                              | Class VI. D. |                           | Class VI. E-J. |            | Class VI. |        |       |
| Monthly Average— |                       | %           |                                   | %                 |  | %                  |                              | %            |                           | %              |            | %         |        | %     |
| 1936-37 ..       | 884                   | 10.3        | 872                               | 10.2              | 146  | 1.7                | 516                          | 6.0          | 46                        | 0.5            | 1,157      | 13.4      | 1,719  | 19.9  |
| 1937-38 ..       | 1,149                 | 10.9        | 1,161                             | 11.0              | 205  | 1.9                | 531                          | 5.0          | 68                        | 0.6            | 1,299      | 12.3      | 1,898  | 17.9  |
| 1938-39 ..       | 1,104                 | 11.7        | 899                               | 9.5               | 119  | 1.3                | 564                          | 6.0          | 84                        | 0.9            | 1,217      | 12.9      | 1,865  | 19.8  |
| 1946-47 ..       | 1,435                 | 8.3         | 1,544                             | 8.9               | 231  | 1.3                | 868                          | 5.0          | 107                       | 0.6            | 1,777      | 10.2      | 2,752  | 15.8  |
| 1947-48 ..       | 2,393                 | 8.5         | 2,437                             | 8.6               | 172  | 0.6                | 1,617                        | 5.7          | 280                       | 1.0            | 3,330      | 11.9      | 5,227  | 18.6  |
| 1948-49 ..       | 3,409                 | 9.9         | 4,231                             | 12.2              | 355  | 1.0                | 1,619                        | 4.7          | 614                       | 1.8            | 3,714      | 10.9      | 5,947  | 17.4  |
| 1949-50 ..       | 5,297                 | 11.9        | 8,643                             | 19.3              | 497  | 1.1                | 2,163                        | 4.8          | 578                       | 1.3            | 4,233      | 9.5       | 6,974  | 15.6  |
| 1950-51 ..       | 6,675                 | 10.8        | 9,239                             | 14.9              | 1,137  | 1.8                | 2,871                        | 4.7          | 745                       | 1.2            | 5,893      | 9.5       | 9,509  | 15.4  |
| 1951-52 ..       | 9,960                 | 11.4        | 10,941                            | 12.5              | 1,661  | 1.9                | 3,074                        | 3.5          | 1,149                     | 1.3            | 8,377      | 9.6       | 12,600 | 14.4  |
| 1952-53 ..       | 8,409                 | r19.7       | 3,569                             | r8.3              | 1,703  | 4.0                | 1,917                        | 4.5          | 130                       | 0.3            | r2,369     | r5.6      | r4,416 | r10.4 |
| Monthly Total—   |                       |             |                                   |                   |  |                    |                              |              |                           |                |            |           |        |       |
| 1951-52—         |                       |             |                                   |                   |  |                    |                              |              |                           |                |            |           |        |       |
| January ..       | 11,374                | 10.0        | 13,992                            | 12.2              | 2,864  | 2.5                | 3,096                        | 2.7          | 1,785                     | 1.6            | 11,063     | 9.7       | 15,944 | 14.0  |
| February ..      | 11,450                | 10.8        | 15,836                            | 14.9              | 2,390  | 2.3                | 2,698                        | 2.5          | 1,856                     | 1.8            | 9,836      | 9.3       | 14,390 | 13.6  |
| March ..         | 10,190                | 11.9        | 10,714                            | 12.5              | 1,086  | 1.3                | 2,617                        | 3.1          | 1,543                     | 1.8            | 8,687      | 10.2      | 12,847 | 15.1  |
| April ..         | 10,893                | 13.3        | 10,691                            | 13.1              | 1,303  | 1.6                | 2,441                        | 3.0          | 901                       | 1.1            | 8,325      | 10.2      | 11,667 | 14.3  |
| May ..           | 12,447                | 16.5        | 10,073                            | 13.4              | 1,479  | 2.0                | 2,206                        | 2.9          | 419                       | 0.5            | 5,535      | 7.3       | 8,160  | 10.7  |
| June ..          | 10,000                | 18.2        | 5,149                             | 9.4               | 1,665  | 3.0                | 1,859                        | 3.4          | 141                       | 0.3            | 3,134      | 5.6       | 5,134  | 9.3   |
| 1952-53—         |                       |             |                                   |                   |  |                    |                              |              |                           |                |            |           |        |       |
| July ..          | 8,474                 | 17.0        | 4,852                             | 9.7               | 2,048  | 4.1                | 1,577                        | 3.2          | 118                       | 0.2            | 2,011      | 4.0       | r3,706 | 7.4   |
| August ..        | 6,489                 | 16.4        | 2,859                             | 7.2               | 1,902  | 4.8                | 1,434                        | 3.6          | 98                        | 0.2            | 1,726      | 4.5       | r3,258 | 8.3   |
| September ..     | 8,231                 | 19.4        | 2,667                             | 6.3               | 1,355  | 3.2                | 2,146                        | 5.1          | 105                       | 0.2            | 1,928      | 4.6       | 4,179  | 9.9   |
| October .. r     | 10,093                | 22.6        | 2,933                             | 6.5               | 4,326  | 9.7                | 1,590                        | 3.6          | 107                       | 0.2            | 3,036      | 6.8       | 4,733  | 10.6  |
| November ..      | 7,299                 | 20.5        | 3,004                             | 8.5               | 1,678  | 4.7                | 1,135                        | 3.2          | 80                        | 0.2            | 1,949      | 5.5       | 3,164  | 8.9   |
| December ..      | 8,322                 | 21.6        | 3,074                             | 8.0               | 2,337  | 6.1                | 1,915                        | 5.0          | 111                       | 0.3            | r2,004     | 5.2       | r4,030 | 10.5  |
| January ..       | 9,158                 | 20.5        | 4,555                             | 10.2              | 1,464  | 3.3                | 2,221                        | 5.0          | 105                       | 0.2            | 2,181      | 4.9       | 4,507  | 10.1  |
| February ..      | 8,639                 | 20.8        | 3,002                             | 7.2               | 1,358  | 3.3                | 917                          | 2.2          | 72                        | 0.2            | 1,850      | 4.5       | 2,839  | 6.9   |
| March ..         | 9,246                 | 20.9        | 4,159                             | 9.4               | 2,018  | 4.6                | 1,960                        | 4.4          | 197                       | 0.5            | 2,865      | 6.5       | 5,022  | 11.4  |
| April ..         | 8,790                 | 20.3        | 3,803                             | 8.8               | 555  | 1.3                | 2,947                        | 6.8          | 208                       | 0.5            | r2,931     | 6.7       | r6,086 | 14.0  |
| May ..           | 8,130                 | 18.4        | 3,907                             | 8.8               | 493  | 1.1                | 2,913                        | 6.6          | 157                       | 0.3            | r3,037     | 6.9       | r6,107 | 13.8  |
| June ..          | 8,032                 | 19.1        | 4,012                             | 9.6               | 898  | 2.1                | 2,253                        | 5.4          | 204                       | 0.5            | r2,898     | 7.0       | r5,355 | 12.9  |
| 1953-54 p—       |                       |             |                                   |                   |  |                    |                              |              |                           |                |            |           |        |       |
| July ..          | 8,753                 | 16.8        | 5,247                             | 10.1              | 799  | 1.5                | 3,829                        | 7.4          | 283                       | 0.5            | 4,490      | 8.6       | 8,602  | 16.5  |
| August ..        | 9,910                 | 19.0        | 5,584                             | 10.7              | 1,076  | 2.0                | 2,458                        | 4.7          | 275                       | 0.5            | 4,484      | 8.6       | 7,217  | 13.8  |
| September ..     | 10,001                | 18.8        | 5,299                             | 10.0              | 1,050  | 2.0                | 2,069                        | 3.9          | 384                       | 0.7            | 4,823      | 9.1       | 7,276  | 13.7  |
| October ..       | 8,239                 | 16.3        | 4,638                             | 9.2               | 1,657  | 3.3                | 2,744                        | 5.4          | 370                       | 0.7            | 5,602      | 11.1      | 8,716  | 17.2  |
| November ..      | 7,804                 | 15.4        | 4,889                             | 9.7               | 1,348  | 2.6                | 2,209                        | 4.4          | 409                       | 0.8            | 5,356      | 10.5      | 7,974  | 15.7  |
| December ..      | 9,200                 | 15.7        | 5,552                             | 9.5               | 3,448  | 5.8                | 2,545                        | 4.3          | 443                       | 0.8            | 6,736      | 11.5      | 9,724  | 16.6  |

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# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

| Period.                 | Producers' Materials.<br>(Class I.) |                     |                          | Finished Consumers' Goods.<br>(Class VI.) |                     |                          | Total Imports of Merchandise.<br>(All Classes.) |                     |                          |         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------------|---------|
|                         | Crude.                              | Simply transformed. | Elaborately transformed. | Crude.                                    | Simply transformed. | Elaborately transformed. | Crude.  | Simply transformed. | Elaborately transformed. | Total.  |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                                     |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |         |
| 1936-37 ..              | 1,024                               | 373                 | 2,528                    | 45  | 303                 | 1,371                    | 1,069   | 1,505               | 6,032                    | 8,606   |
| 1937-38 ..              | 1,241                               | 449                 | 3,222                    | 48  | 300                 | 1,550                    | 1,289   | 1,796               | 7,530                    | 10,615  |
| 1938-39 ..              | 1,100                               | 351                 | 2,704                    | 55  | 309                 | 1,501                    | 1,155   | 1,627               | 6,653                    | 9,435   |
| 1946-47 ..              | 2,422                               | 795                 | 5,099                    | 109                                       | 634                 | 2,009                    | 2,531   | 3,321               | 11,510                   | 17,362  |
| 1947-48 ..              | 2,903                               | 1,803               | 8,672                    | 107                                       | 1,110               | 4,010                    | 3,010   | 5,872               | 19,292                   | 28,174  |
| 1948-49 ..              | 3,273                               | 2,059               | 9,725                    | 133                                       | 899                 | 4,915                    | 3,406   | 6,738               | 24,361                   | 34,505  |
| 1949-50 ..              | 3,916                               | 1,777               | 11,202                   | 180                                       | 1,277               | 5,517                    | 4,096   | 7,851               | 32,730                   | 44,677  |
| 1950-51 ..              | 7,012                               | 3,185               | 17,114                   | 273                                       | 1,600               | 7,636                    | 7,285   | 10,961              | 43,577                   | 61,823  |
| 1951-52 ..              | 7,788                               | 4,788               | 27,469                   | 359                                       | 1,446               | 10,795                   | 8,147   | 13,933              | 65,398                   | 87,478  |
| 1952-53 ..              | 4,712                               | 2,195               | 9,563                    | 251                                       | 1,182               | r2,983                   | 4,963   | 9,443               | r28,123                  | r42,529 |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                                     |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |         |
| 1951-52—                |                                     |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |         |
| January ..              | 10,808                              | 7,976               | 36,924                   | 251                                       | 1,366               | 14,327                   | 11,059  | 19,678              | 83,499                   | 114,236 |
| February ..             | 8,448                               | 4,872               | 33,864                   | 202                                       | 1,313               | 12,875                   | 8,650   | 14,031              | 83,302                   | 105,983 |
| March ..                | 6,808                               | 3,171               | 26,678                   | 167                                       | 1,154               | 11,526                   | 6,975   | 12,703              | 65,723                   | 85,401  |
| April ..                | 4,616                               | 3,090               | 26,759                   | 260                                       | 1,243               | 10,164                   | 4,876   | 11,814              | 64,844                   | 81,534  |
| May ..                  | 6,498                               | 2,512               | 19,727                   | 375                                       | 1,087               | 6,698                    | 6,873   | 12,011              | 56,433                   | 75,317  |
| June ..                 | 4,656                               | 2,820               | 14,129                   | 142                                       | 1,581               | 3,411                    | 4,798   | 11,675              | 38,407                   | 54,880  |
| 1952-53—                |                                     |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |         |
| July ..                 | 5,121                               | 1,780               | 12,160                   | 110                                       | 1,011               | r2,585                   | 5,231   | 10,550              | r34,098                  | r49,879 |
| August ..               | 4,445                               | 2,768               | 9,189                    | 173                                       | 998                 | r2,087                   | 4,618   | 9,994               | r24,939                  | r39,551 |
| September ..            | 4,823                               | 2,956               | 9,633                    | 221                                       | 1,543               | r2,415                   | 5,044   | 11,514              | r25,733                  | r42,291 |
| October ..              | 3,648                               | 2,084               | 9,893                    | 333                                       | 906                 | r3,494                   | 3,981   | 8,949               | r31,823                  | r44,753 |
| November ..             | 4,240                               | 2,342               | 7,624                    | 159                                       | 518                 | 2,487                    | 4,399   | 8,001               | r23,136                  | r35,535 |
| December ..             | 4,016                               | 1,214               | 8,775                    | 200                                       | 1,137               | r2,693                   | 4,216   | 8,196               | r26,064                  | r38,476 |
| January ..              | 4,928                               | 2,407               | 10,294                   | 367                                       | 1,480               | 2,660                    | 5,295   | 10,294              | 29,115                   | 44,704  |
| February ..             | 5,095                               | 1,368               | 8,614                    | 115                                       | 473                 | 2,251                    | 5,210   | 7,490               | 28,817                   | 41,517  |
| March ..                | 4,780                               | 2,212               | 10,437                   | 199                                       | 1,270               | 3,553                    | 4,979   | 8,789               | 30,442                   | 44,210  |
| April ..                | 5,046                               | 2,308               | 8,901                    | 482                                       | 1,825               | r3,779                   | 5,528   | 10,767              | r26,969                  | r43,264 |
| May ..                  | 5,158                               | 2,709               | 10,078                   | 320                                       | 1,773               | r4,014                   | 5,478   | 10,332              | r28,426                  | r44,236 |
| June ..                 | 5,246                               | 2,194               | 9,155                    | 331                                       | 1,250               | r3,772                   | 5,577   | 8,434               | r27,914                  | r41,925 |
| 1953-54 p—              |                                     |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |         |
| July ..                 | 5,168                               | 2,593               | 11,789                   | 687                                       | 1,749               | 6,166                    | 5,855   | 11,899              | 34,299                   | 52,053  |
| August ..               | 5,421                               | 3,375               | 12,194                   | 295                                       | 1,461               | 5,461                    | 5,716   | 10,444              | 36,073                   | 52,233  |
| September ..            | 4,806                               | 3,070               | 12,606                   | 255                                       | 1,026               | 5,995                    | 5,061   | 11,379              | 36,638                   | 53,078  |
| October ..              | 4,754                               | 3,093               | 12,088                   | 444                                       | 1,528               | 6,744                    | 5,198   | 11,393              | 33,909                   | 50,500  |
| November ..             | 5,615                               | 2,758               | 12,264                   | 362                                       | 1,138               | 6,474                    | 5,977   | 11,009              | 33,687                   | 50,673  |
| December ..             | 6,400                               | 3,026               | 14,344                   | 327                                       | 1,175               | 8,222                    | 6,727   | 10,097              | 41,866                   | 58,690  |
| January ..              |                                     |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |   |                     |                          | 60,379  |

Note.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately" transformed.

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# EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

| Period                  | Wool.  | Wheat<br>and<br>Flour. | Butter. | Sugar. | Meats.   | Hides<br>and<br>Skins. | Lead. | Dried<br>Fruits. | Fresh<br>Fruits. | Total<br>Exports.<br>(b) |
|-------------------------|--------|------------------------|---------|--------|----------|------------------------|-------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |        |                        |         |        |          |                        |       |                  |                  |                          |
| 1936-37.. ..            | 5,209  | 2,029                  | 734     | 309    | 861      | 609                    | 402   | 172              | 165              | 12,374                   |
| 1937-38.. ..            | 3,915  | 2,245                  | 898     | 336    | 1,021    | 516                    | 409   | 224              | 171              | 11,806                   |
| 1938-39.. ..            | 3,561  | 1,106                  | 1,074   | 348    | 982      | 342                    | 356   | 239              | 169              | 10,212                   |
| 1946-47.. ..            | 10,511 | 2,406                  | 1,048   | 235    | 1,761    | 1,228                  | 904   | 202              | 129              | 25,752                   |
| 1947-48.. ..            | 12,396 | 7,053                  | 1,719   | 264    | 1,882    | 1,030                  | 1,148 | 213              | 324              | 33,844                   |
| 1948-49.. ..            | 19,283 | 8,202                  | 1,984   | 1,108  | (a)2,388 | 1,017                  | 1,856 | 288              | 260              | 45,206                   |
| 1949-50.. ..            | 26,096 | 7,376                  | 2,056   | 1,185  | 2,854    | 1,263                  | 1,416 | 241              | 328              | 51,141                   |
| 1950-51.. ..            | 52,779 | 8,921                  | 1,539   | 1,240  | 2,533    | 2,272                  | 1,796 | 389              | 477              | 81,816                   |
| 1951-52.. ..            | 26,953 | 7,359                  | 383     | 586    | 2,957    | 1,428                  | 2,156 | 472              | 572              | 55,668                   |
| 1952-53r ..             | 33,576 | 7,449                  | 1,675   | 1,805  | 5,481    | 1,677                  | 2,116 | 669              | 791              | 70,906                   |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |        |                        |         |        |          |                        |       |                  |                  |                          |
| <b>1951-52—</b>         |        |                        |         |        |          |                        |       |                  |                  |                          |
| January ..              | 36,652 | 5,464                  | 1,234   | 30     | 2,408    | 1,572                  | 1,154 | 96               | 72               | 64,560                   |
| February ..             | 32,486 | 5,475                  | 392     | 57     | 2,281    | 1,510                  | 1,099 | 52               | 119              | 56,253                   |
| March ..                | 38,014 | 5,863                  | 196     | 54     | 2,465    | 1,338                  | 2,927 | 5                | 343              | 66,563                   |
| April ..                | 30,167 | 7,972                  | 172     | 31     | 2,713    | 1,263                  | 3,054 | 575              | 991              | 59,000                   |
| May ..                  | 21,273 | 7,540                  | 498     | 294    | 3,616    | 1,010                  | 1,182 | 1,350            | 2,098            | 51,825                   |
| June ..                 | 22,248 | 6,070                  | 397     | 142    | 2,887    | 1,222                  | 2,787 | 902              | 2,150            | 53,021                   |
| <b>1952-53—</b>         |        |                        |         |        |          |                        |       |                  |                  |                          |
| July ..                 | 23,910 | 5,899                  | 438     | 30     | 5,082    | 1,350                  | 3,743 | 907              | 1,026            | 57,493                   |
| August ..               | 9,698  | 6,973                  | 589     | 877    | 5,516    | 1,618                  | 2,467 | 1,120            | 544              | 41,819                   |
| September ..            | 15,319 | 5,526                  | 1,014   | 2,200  | 6,025    | 1,342                  | 1,764 | 1,017            | 184              | 50,218                   |
| October ..              | 41,647 | 5,886                  | 3,188   | 2,794  | 7,953    | 1,666                  | 3,687 | 104              | 208              | 84,925                   |
| November ..             | 46,447 | 6,650                  | 2,618   | 3,518  | 6,915    | 1,767                  | 3,689 | 147              | 86               | 86,559                   |
| December ..             | 48,435 | 4,893                  | 3,365   | 1,561  | 5,613    | 1,753                  | 494   | 19               | 159              | 81,716                   |
| January ..              | 34,389 | 6,390                  | 1,024   | 2,020  | 5,137    | 1,636                  | 931   | 19               | 12               | 66,638                   |
| February ..             | 31,824 | 5,050                  | 1,257   | 2,650  | 4,652    | 1,876                  | 1,708 | 17               | 172              | 64,817                   |
| March ..                | 48,681 | 10,097                 | 2,267   | 3,011  | 4,855    | 1,525                  | 1,660 | 153              | 1,068            | 90,191                   |
| April ..                | 38,580 | 10,348                 | 1,502   | 1,782  | 4,308    | 1,996                  | 2,151 | 1,520            | 2,347            | 79,240                   |
| May ..                  | 31,493 | 9,534                  | 1,499   | 962    | 4,431    | 1,966                  | 1,470 | 1,915            | 3,012            | 72,953                   |
| June ..                 | 32,484 | 12,141                 | 1,336   | 250    | 5,289    | 1,633                  | 1,629 | 1,092            | 679              | 74,305                   |
| <b>1953-54 p—</b>       |        |                        |         |        |          |                        |       |                  |                  |                          |
| July ..                 | 32,514 | 12,893                 | 818     | 1,110  | 7,501    | 1,731                  | 2,172 | 1,483            | 413              | 76,576                   |
| August ..               | 12,198 | 5,396                  | 685     | 3,514  | 7,004    | 1,553                  | 1,880 | 1,209            | 167              | 48,500                   |
| September ..            | 23,634 | 4,989                  | 512     | 4,191  | 5,078    | 1,974                  | 3,278 | 527              | 67               | 59,659                   |
| October ..              | 50,967 | 4,643                  | 1,234   | 4,854  | 4,672    | 1,916                  | 1,805 | 384              | 130              | 86,054                   |
| November ..             | 49,473 | 5,763                  | 2,448   | 4,807  | 5,256    | 1,469                  | 1,887 | 368              | 148              | 85,202                   |
| December ..             | 48,235 | 2,841                  | 1,190   | 3,898  | 4,925    | 1,453                  | 1,938 | 107              | 115              | 79,307                   |
| January ..              | 29,789 | 4,318                  | 1,474   | 3,210  | 3,588    | 1,593                  | 1,576 | 44               | 40               | 57,958                   |

(a) Prior to July, 1948, included Soups (1948-49 monthly average exports £92,000).  
Gold Ingot, Bar, Sheet, Granulated, Dust, &c., and Gold Specie.

(b) Excludes Gold contained in Matte,

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## EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. For some metals and for wheat (from July, 1945 to September, 1951), the index of prices is deduced from average value of current sales or shipments and hence shows some irregularity.

### SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the prices of the commodities are multiplied by the average annual exports (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Section : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period.   |        | Wool. | Wheat.<br>(a) | Butter. | Metals.<br>(b) | Meats.<br>(c) | Sugar. | Dried<br>Fruits.<br>(d) | Tallow. | Hides.<br>(e) | Gold.<br>(f) | All Groups.             |                         |
|---|--------|-------|---------------|---------|----------------|---------------|--------|-------------------------|---------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|   |        |       |               |         |                |               |        |                         |         |               |              | Ex-<br>cluding<br>Gold. | In-<br>cluding<br>Gold. |
| Percentage Dis-<br>tribution of<br>Base Aggregate | (g)    | 45.63 | 17.06         | 11.36   | 6.83           | 6.63          | 2.40   | 1.81                    | 0.64    | 0.66          | 6.98         | ..                      | 100.00                  |
|   | (h)    | 49.05 | 18.34         | 12.21   | 7.34           | 7.13          | 2.58   | 1.94                    | 0.69    | 0.72          | ..           | 100.00                  | ..                      |
| 1936-37   | ..     | 122   | 123           | 92      | 120            | 98            | 104    | 103                     | 122     | 113           | 99           | 116                     | 115                     |
| 1937-38   | ..     | 99    | 111           | 107     | 96             | 106           | 92     | 103                     | 100     | 100           | 98           | 102                     | 102                     |
| 1938-39   | ..     | 79    | 66            | 101     | 84             | 96            | 104    | 94                      | 78      | 87            | 103          | 82                      | 83                      |
| 1947-48   | ..     | 287   | 420           | 193     | 372            | 146           | 320    | 157                     | 436     | 364           | 122          | 296                     | 283                     |
| 1948-49   | ..     | 365   | 413           | 233     | 478            | 171           | 343    | 162                     | 499     | 421           | 122          | 348                     | 332                     |
| 1949-50   | ..     | 473   | 400           | 250     | 421            | 196           | 369    | 176                     | 400     | 479           | 164          | 399                     | 383                     |
| 1950-51   | ..     | 999   | 432           | 271     | 689            | 209           | 410    | 226                     | 356     | 752           | 176          | 690                     | 654                     |
| 1951-52   | ..     | 564   | 436           | 291     | 811            | 263           | 464    | 302                     | 451     | 486           | 184          | 495                     | 473                     |
| 1952-53   | ..     | 616   | p441          | 313     | 504            | 314           | 501    | 297                     | 358     | 369           | 186          | p504                    | p482                    |
| 1951-52—  |        |       |               |         |                |               |        |                         |         |               |              |                         |                         |
| January   | ..     | 566   | 432           | 291     | 825            | 271           | 501    | 303                     | 483     | 531           | 193          | 498                     | 477                     |
| February  | ..     | 520   | 432           | 291     | 827            | 271           | 501    | 303                     | 483     | 451           | 196          | 475                     | 456                     |
| March   | ..     | 460   | 432           | 291     | 817            | 273           | 501    | 300                     | 483     | 378           | 193          | 445                     | 427                     |
| April   | ..     | 475   | 432           | 291     | 799            | 273           | 501    | 300                     | 483     | 398           | 187          | 451                     | 432                     |
| May   | ..     | 543   | 432           | 291     | 711            | 273           | 501    | 300                     | 483     | 346           | 184          | 477                     | 457                     |
| June  | ..     | 566   | 432           | 291     | 641            | 273           | 501    | 300                     | 483     | 343           | 186          | 483                     | 463                     |
| 1952-53—  |        |       |               |         |                |               |        |                         |         |               |              |                         |                         |
| July  | .. (i) | 566   | 432           | 313     | 621            | 294           | 501    | 300                     | 483     | 340           | 186          | 486                     | 465                     |
| August  | .. (i) | 566   | 432           | 313     | 613            | 294           | 501    | 300                     | 483     | 381           | 187          | 486                     | 465                     |
| September   | ..     | 551   | 432           | 313     | 603            | 294           | 501    | 300                     | 483     | 379           | 188          | 477                     | 457                     |
| October   | ..     | 588   | 432           | 313     | 501            | 321           | 501    | 300 (i)                 | 483     | 383           | 188          | 490                     | 469                     |
| November  | ..     | 588   | 432           | 313     | 501            | 321           | 501    | 300                     | 360     | 404           | 187          | 490                     | 469                     |
| December  | ..     | 618   | p448          | 313     | 510            | 321           | 501    | 300                     | 322     | 395           | 184          | p508                    | p485                    |
| January   | ..     | 618   | p448          | 313     | 509            | 321           | 501    | 300                     | 298     | 391           | 189          | p508                    | p485                    |
| February  | ..     | 626   | p448          | 313     | 475            | 321           | 501    | 300                     | 295     | 375           | 186          | p509                    | p486                    |
| March   | ..     | 656   | p448          | 313     | 463            | 321           | 501    | 290                     | 298     | 364           | 185          | p522                    | p499                    |
| April   | ..     | 671   | p448          | 313     | 418            | 321           | 501    | 290                     | 284     | 344           | 185          | p526                    | p502                    |
| May   | ..     | 701   | p448          | 313     | 407            | 321           | 501    | 290                     | 252     | 352           | 184          | p540                    | p515                    |
| June  | ..     | 641   | p448          | 313     | 429            | 321           | 500    | 290                     | 249     | 326           | 181          | p512                    | p489                    |
| 1953-54—  |        |       |               |         |                |               |        |                         |         |               |              |                         |                         |
| July  | .. (i) | 641   | p448          | 325     | 446            | 331           | 500    | 290                     | 244     | 319           | 183          | p515                    | p492                    |
| August  | .. (i) | 634   | p448          | 325     | 450            | 331           | 500    | 290                     | 251     | 321           | 182          | p512                    | p489                    |
| September   | ..     | 626   | p448          | 325     | 438            | 331           | 500    | 290                     | 260     | 336           | 182          | p508                    | p485                    |
| October   | ..     | 634   | p448          | 325     | 450            | 340           | 500    | 290                     | 269     | 374           | 181          | p513                    | p490                    |
| November  | ..     | 634   | p448          | 325     | 458            | 340           | 500    | 290                     | 301     | 383           | 176          | p514                    | p490                    |
| December  | ..     | p611  | p448          | 325     | 442            | 340           | 500    | 290                     | 341     | 377           | 177          | p502                    | p479                    |

(a) From October, 1951, to November 1953, the prices used for wheat are the estimated average realizations after weighting prices of quota and non-quota wheat. Since August, 1953, overseas prices of wheat have shown a gradual decrease and the average realizations for the 1952-53 season will require a slight downward revision when necessary data are available. (b) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead.

(c) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. (d) Sultanias, lexias, currants. (e) Cattle hides, calf skins.

(f) Where Australian gold has been sold on the overseas premium markets such price has been used in the index. (g) For all Groups (including Gold)—applicable from 1936-37. (h) For All Groups (excluding Gold)—applicable from 1936-37. (i) Nominal.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

## EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

### RECENT TRENDS—EXPORT PRICE INDEX—WOOL AND "OTHER GROUPS".

Reference to the group indexes in the table on page 18 hereof will show the great increases and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards occurred in the price of wool during the twelve months ended June, 1951. Similar, but less marked, movements have occurred in prices of metals and hides. Since wool is a predominant export (with 46 per cent. of the Base Aggregate of the index) fluctuations in wool prices obscure the movements affecting the other components in the All Groups index. For purposes of comparison they are shown separately below.

(Base of each Section : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Month.       | 1950-51. |               |             | 1951-52. |               |             | 1952-53. |               |             | 1953-54. |               |             |
|--------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|
|              | Wool.    | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Wool.    | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Wool.    | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Wool.    | Other Groups. | All Groups. |
| July ..      | a592     | 333           | 451         | a717     | 400           | 544         | a566     | 381           | 465         | a641     | p367          | p492        |
| August ..    | 864      | 340           | 579         | 551      | 400           | 468         | a566     | 380           | 465         | a634     | p368          | p489        |
| September .. | 890      | 355           | 599         | 498      | 400           | 445         | 551      | 379           | 457         | 626      | p366          | p485        |
| October ..   | 890      | 360           | 602         | 686      | 403           | 532         | 588      | 370           | 469         | 634      | p369          | p490        |
| November ..  | 965      | 366           | 639         | 603      | 398           | 492         | 588      | 368           | 469         | 634      | p370          | p490        |
| December ..  | 973      | 366           | 643         | 581      | 403           | 484         | 618      | p374          | p485        | p611     | p369          | p479        |
| January ..   | 1,252    | 368           | 771         | 566      | 402           | 477         | 618      | p374          | p485        |          |               |             |
| February ..  | 1,339    | 369           | 811         | 520      | 402           | 456         | 626      | p369          | p486        |          |               |             |
| March ..     | 1,437    | 377           | 860         | 460      | 400           | 427         | 656      | p367          | p499        |          |               |             |
| April ..     | 1,094    | 384           | 708         | 475      | 397           | 432         | 671      | p361          | p502        |          |               |             |
| May ..       | 973      | 385           | 653         | 543      | 385           | 457         | 701      | p359          | p515        |          |               |             |
| June ..      | 717      | 383           | 535         | 566      | 376           | 463         | 641      | p361          | p489        |          |               |             |
| Year ..      | 999      | 365           | 654         | 564      | 397           | 473         | 616      | p370          | p482        |          |               |             |

(a) Nominal.

### MONTH-TO-MONTH INDEX : CHANGING WEIGHTS.

The index numbers in the two preceding tables, while they indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. In consequence the index numbers do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the index numbers (including gold) in the following table, in the computation of which the "quantity-multipliers" are changed each month. The index numbers are designed solely for comparisons of current prices with those of the corresponding months, or periods of months, of the preceding year.

(Base : Weighted average price level in corresponding months of preceding year = 100.)

| Month.       | Month stated compared with same month of preceding year. |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | Period of trade year ending in month stated compared with same period of preceding year. |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|--------------|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|              | 1951-52.   |                  | 1952-53.         |                  | 1953-54.         |                  | 1951-52.   |                  | 1952-53.         |                  | 1953-54.         |                  |
|              | Ex-cluding Wool.   | In-cluding Wool. | Ex-cluding Wool. | In-cluding Wool. | Ex-cluding Wool. | In-cluding Wool. | Ex-cluding Wool.   | In-cluding Wool. | Ex-cluding Wool. | In-cluding Wool. | Ex-cluding Wool. | In-cluding Wool. |
| July ..      | 116  | 119              | 93               | 84               | 97               | 107              | 116  | 119              | 93               | 84               | 97               | 107              |
| August ..    | 113  | 87               | 96               | 98               | 98               | 104              | 114  | 104              | 94               | 89               | 98               | 106              |
| September .. | 110  | 80               | 95               | 102              | 96               | 106              | 113  | 96               | 95               | 93               | 97               | 106              |
| October ..   | 107  | 85               | 93               | 88               | 101              | 106              | 111  | 92               | 94               | 91               | 98               | 106              |
| November ..  | 106  | 70               | 93               | 96               | 101              | 106              | 110  | 85               | 94               | 92               | 99               | 106              |
| December ..  | 106  | 67               | 98               | 105              | 98               | 99               | 110  | 82               | 95               | 95               | 99               | 104              |
| January ..   | 106  | 54               | 95               | 105              |                  |                  | 109  | 75               | 95               | 96               |                  |                  |
| February ..  | 107  | 50               | 93               | 112              |                  |                  | 109  | 71               | 95               | 98               |                  |                  |
| March ..     | 105  | 41               | 91               | 126              |                  |                  | 109  | 66               | 94               | 101              |                  |                  |
| April ..     | 100  | 53               | 92               | 123              |                  |                  | 108  | 64               | 94               | 104              |                  |                  |
| May ..       | 98   | 65               | 97               | 117              |                  |                  | 107  | 65               | 94               | 105              |                  |                  |
| June ..      | 95   | 84               | 96               | 107              |                  |                  | 106  | 66               | 94               | 105              |                  |                  |

For meaning of symbol p. see page 1.

# WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from locally-produced building materials and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of variations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period.      | Basic Materials. |                       |           |            |                   |                     |        | Food-stuffs and Tobacco. | Basic Materials and Foodstuffs. |                                  |                   |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
|              | Metals and Coal. | Oils, Fats and Waxes. | Textiles. | Chemicals. | Rubber and Hides. | Building Materials. | Total. |                          | Goods principally Imported (a)  | Goods principally Home Produced. | Total All Groups. |
| 1936-37 ..   | 96               | 99                    | 118       | 99         | 111               | 99                  | 99     | 97                       | 99                              | 98                               | 98                |
| 1937-38 ..   | 101              | 101                   | 100       | 100        | 97                | 104                 | 102    | 100                      | 102                             | 100                              | 101               |
| 1938-39 ..   | 103              | 100                   | 82        | 101        | 92                | 97                  | 99     | 103                      | 99                              | 102                              | 101               |
| 1946-47 ..   | 132              | 145                   | 191       | 140        | 131               | 180                 | 149    | 138                      | 177                             | 129                              | 143               |
| 1947-48 ..   | 146              | 161                   | 283       | 148        | 126               | 190                 | 166    | 153                      | 192                             | 145                              | 159               |
| 1948-49 ..   | 185              | 173                   | 342       | 159        | 130               | 198                 | 188    | 175                      | 201                             | 173                              | 181               |
| 1949-50 ..   | 214              | 184                   | 434       | 187        | 143               | 225                 | 214    | 198                      | 223                             | 198                              | 205               |
| 1950-51 ..   | 256              | 196                   | 641       | 242        | 292               | 268                 | 264    | 232                      | 256                             | 242                              | 246               |
| 1951-52 ..   | 343              | 220                   | 577       | 314        | 298               | 370                 | 321    | 281                      | 288                             | 305                              | 300               |
| 1952-53 ..   | 392              | 234                   | 607       | 350        | 224               | 404                 | 350    | r294                     | r292                            | 331                              | r320              |
| 1951-52—     |                  |                       |           |            |                   |                     |        |                          |                                 |                                  |                   |
| January ..   | 346              | 223                   | 605       | 313        | 270               | 365                 | 322    | 266                      | 286                             | 294                              | 292               |
| February ..  | 363              | 223                   | 560       | 317        | 264               | 394                 | 331    | 280                      | 295                             | 307                              | 304               |
| March ..     | 365              | 223                   | 504       | 327        | 261               | 394                 | 330    | 289                      | 295                             | 313                              | 308               |
| April ..     | 370              | 223                   | 517       | 327        | 262               | 395                 | 332    | r295                     | r297                            | 318                              | 312               |
| May ..       | 379              | 230                   | 559       | 327        | 278               | 433                 | 347    | 294                      | r302                            | 325                              | 318               |
| June ..      | 379              | 230                   | 570       | 331        | 296               | 433                 | 349    | 298                      | r302                            | 330                              | 321               |
| 1952-53—     |                  |                       |           |            |                   |                     |        |                          |                                 |                                  |                   |
| July ..      | 392              | 230                   | 570       | 344        | 279               | 435                 | 354    | 304                      | r302                            | 337                              | 327               |
| August ..    | 394              | 230                   | 577       | 350        | 241               | 418                 | 351    | 303                      | r295                            | 338                              | 325               |
| September .. | 399              | 230                   | 566       | 349        | 237               | 418                 | 352    | 295                      | 294                             | 333                              | 321               |
| October ..   | 390              | 235                   | 589       | 349        | 233               | 418                 | 352    | 283                      | 295                             | 322                              | 314               |
| November ..  | 390              | 237                   | 589       | 349        | 223               | 420                 | 352    | 280                      | r296                            | 321                              | 313               |
| December ..  | 390              | 237                   | 609       | 349        | 227               | 420                 | 353    | r292                     | r297                            | 329                              | r320              |
| January ..   | 389              | 236                   | 608       | 350        | 223               | 420                 | 353    | r290                     | r297                            | 328                              | 318               |
| February ..  | 391              | 235                   | 611       | 355        | 212               | 391                 | 348    | r290                     | r289                            | 327                              | r316              |
| March ..     | 393              | 235                   | 640       | 355        | 212               | 391                 | 350    | r289                     | r290                            | 328                              | r317              |
| April ..     | 392              | 235                   | 643       | 359        | 203               | 391                 | 350    | r298                     | r288                            | 336                              | r322              |
| May ..       | 391              | 233                   | 661       | 349        | 203               | 364                 | 344    | r301                     | r279                            | 338                              | 320               |
| June ..      | 392              | 233                   | 621       | 348        | 199               | 364                 | 342    | r305                     | r283                            | 338                              | 321               |
| 1953-54—     |                  |                       |           |            |                   |                     |        |                          |                                 |                                  |                   |
| July ..      | 391              | 225                   | 583       | 329        | 198               | 365                 | 336    | 315                      | r275                            | 346                              | r325              |
| August ..    | 389              | 226                   | 581       | 329        | 198               | 365                 | 335    | r335                     | 275                             | r360                             | 335               |
| September .. | 389              | 226                   | 576       | 329        | 199               | 364                 | 335    | r331                     | 276                             | 357                              | 333               |
| October ..   | 389              | 226                   | 576       | 328        | 198               | 364                 | 334    | 325                      | 273                             | 353                              | 329               |
| November ..  | 388              | 223                   | 574       | 327        | 197               | 365                 | 333    | 311                      | 270                             | r342                             | 321               |
| December ..  | 388              | 223                   | p561      | 327        | 192               | 365                 | p332   | 304                      | r269                            | p337                             | p317              |
| January ..   | 384              | 223                   | p564      | 327        | 190               | 365                 | p331   | p305                     | p271                            | p336                             | p317              |

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

For meaning of symbols r, p, see page 1.

# WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period.       | Aus-<br>tralia.                         | Canada.                   | France.                   | India.   | New<br>Zealand.                  | South<br>Africa.                    | Sweden.            | United<br>Kingdom. | U.S.A.                                    |
|---------------|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---|
|               | Common-<br>wealth<br>Statist-<br>ician. | Dominion<br>Statistician. | Inst. Nat.<br>de la Stat. | Economic<br>Adviser to<br>the Gov-<br>ernment of<br>India. | Govern-<br>ment<br>Statistician. | Census and<br>Statistics<br>Office. | Board of<br>Trade. | Board of<br>Trade. | Bureau of<br>Labour<br>Statistics.<br>(a) |
| 1936-37 .. .. | 98                                      | 101                       | 83                        | 104  | 96                               | 97                                  | 98                 | 100                | 104                                       |
| 1937-38 .. .. | 101                                     | 104                       | 105                       | 100  | 102                              | 103                                 | 103                | 104                | 101                                       |
| 1938-39 .. .. | 101                                     | 95                        | 112                       | 96   | 102                              | 100                                 | 99                 | 96                 | 95  |
| 1949-50 .. .. | 205                                     | 195                       | 2,196                     | (b) 389  | 184                              | 195                                 | 198                | 237                | 186                                       |
| 1950-51 .. .. | 246                                     | 224                       | (c) 123                   | 426  | 210                              | 216                                 | 237                | 288                | 211                                       |
| 1951-52 .. .. | 300                                     | 229                       | 145                       | 414  | 243                              | 252                                 | 285                | 321                | 213                                       |
| 1952-53 .. .. | r320                                    | 216                       | 141                       | 386  | 252                              | 269                                 | 278                | 320                | 209                                       |
| 1952-53—      |   |                           |                           |  |                                  |                                     |                    |                    |   |
| March .. ..   | r317                                    | 217                       | 140                       | 385  | 248                              | 265                                 | 273                | 321                | 208                                       |
| April .. ..   | r322                                    | 214                       | 139                       | 385  | 247                              | 265                                 | 272                | 325                | 207                                       |
| May .. ..     | 320                                     | 215                       | 139                       | 397  | 248                              | 267                                 | 271                | 323                | 208                                       |
| June .. ..    | 321                                     | 216                       | 139                       | 405  | 249                              | 268                                 | 271                | 322                | 207                                       |
| 1953-54—      |   |                           |                           |  |                                  |                                     |                    |                    |   |
| July .. ..    | r325                                    | 216                       | 137                       | 408  | 248                              | 268                                 | 270                | 322                | 210                                       |
| August .. ..  | 335                                     | 217                       | 137                       | 410  | 248                              | 272                                 | 268                | 319                | 209                                       |
| September ..  | 333                                     | 216                       | 137                       | 404  | 248                              | 272                                 | 267                | 318                | 210                                       |
| October .. .. | 329                                     | 215                       | 136                       | 394  | 253                              | 273                                 | 267                | 318                | 208                                       |
| November ..   | 321                                     | 214                       | 137                       | 391  | 252                              | 271                                 | r269               | 320                |   |
| December ..   | p317                                    | 214                       |                           | 389  | 252                              | 270                                 | 268                | r318               |   |

(a) New Series (linked as at January, 1947, to former series to show movement prior to that date).  
prior to July, 1947. Thereafter "General Purpose Series", on base: Year ended August, 1939 = 100.

(b) "Sensitive Series"  
(c) New Series. Base: 1949 = 100.

# RETAIL PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100 (a).)

| Period.       | Australia.(a)                         | Canada.                   | New Zealand.                | South Africa.                       | United<br>Kingdom.(a)  | United States<br>of America.       |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
|               | Common-<br>wealth<br>Statistician.(b) | Dominion<br>Statistician. | Government<br>Statistician. | Census and<br>Statistics<br>Office. | Ministry of<br>Labour. | Bureau of<br>Labour<br>Statistics. |
| 1936-37 .. .. | 973                                   | 98                        | 96                          | 97                                  | Base :                 | 100                                |
| 1937-38 .. .. | 998                                   | 102                       | 101                         | 101                                 | 17th June,             | 101                                |
| 1938-39 .. .. | 1,029                                 | 100                       | 103                         | 102                                 | 1947=100.              | 99                                 |
| 1948-49 .. .. | 1,528                                 | 158                       | 142                         | 155                                 | (c) 109                | 170                                |
| 1949-50 .. .. | 1,669                                 | 160                       | 146                         | 159                                 | 113                    | 166                                |
| 1950-51 .. .. | 1,906                                 | 172                       | 159                         | 168                                 | 118                    | 178                                |
| 1951-52 .. .. | 2,337                                 | 186                       | 176                         | 182                                 | (d) 131                | 186                                |
| 1952-53 .. .. | 2,550                                 | 184                       | 185                         | 194                                 | 139                    | 189                                |
| 1952-53—      |                                       |                           |                             |                                     |                        |                                    |
| April .. ..   | 2,586                                 | 182                       | 188                         | 194                                 | 141                    | 188                                |
| May .. ..     |                                       | 182                       |                             | 195                                 | 140                    | 189                                |
| June .. ..    |                                       | 183                       |                             | 198                                 | 141                    | 190                                |
| 1953-54—      |                                       |                           |                             |                                     |                        |                                    |
| July .. ..    | 2,618                                 | 183                       | 190                         | 197                                 | 141                    | 190                                |
| August .. ..  |                                       | 184                       |                             | 200                                 | 140                    | 190                                |
| September ..  |                                       | 185                       |                             | 201                                 | 140                    | 191                                |
| October .. .. | 2,624                                 | 185                       | 194                         | 200                                 | 140                    | 191                                |
| November ..   |                                       | 185                       |                             | 198                                 | 140                    | 190                                |
| December ..   |                                       | 184                       |                             | 196                                 | 140                    |                                    |

(a) For bases of series for Australia and United Kingdom, see footnotes (b), (c) and (d). (b) For Australia the base is the average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. (c) New series on base 17th June, 1947 = 100; cannot be linked to former series. (d) From the month of February, 1952, the new series on base 15th January, 1952 = 100 has been linked to former series on base 17th June, 1947 = 100.

For meaning of symbols r, p, —, see page 1.



# RETAIL PRICE AND WAGE-RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this and the following page the index numbers have been recomputed uniformly to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute index numbers differ, in consequence, from those appearing in other publications of the Bureau.

(Base of each Group : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

| Period.           | Retail Price Indexes: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities. |                                |                                   |           |                |   | Weekly Wage-rate Indexes: Six States. |                              |
|-------------------|---|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------------|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                   | Food and Groceries.   | Rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses. | Food, &c., and Rent ("B" Series). | Clothing. | Miscellaneous. | Food, &c., Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous ("C" Series). | Nominal Rates, Adult Males.           | "Real" Wage, Adult Males.(a) |
| 1936-37 .. ..     | 963   | 968                            | 965                               | 976       | 996            | 973   | 949                                   | 976                          |
| 1937-38 .. ..     | 989   | 1,001                          | 993                               | 1,006     | 1,003          | 998   | 1,007                                 | 1,009                        |
| 1938-39 .. ..     | 1,048   | 1,031                          | 1,042                             | 1,018     | 1,001          | 1,029   | 1,044                                 | 1,015                        |
| 1946-47 .. ..     | 1,208   | 1,054                          | 1,147                             | 1,873     | 1,225          | 1,309   | 1,423                                 | 1,087                        |
| 1947-48 .. ..     | 1,333   | 1,056                          | 1,222                             | 2,013     | 1,279          | 1,392   | 1,565                                 | 1,123                        |
| 1948-49 .. ..     | 1,531   | 1,058                          | 1,340                             | 2,264     | 1,349          | 1,528   | 1,757                                 | 1,150                        |
| 1949-50 .. ..     | 1,664   | 1,063                          | 1,421                             | 2,626     | 1,443          | 1,669   | 1,913                                 | 1,147                        |
| 1950-51 .. ..     | 1,998   | 1,076                          | 1,626                             | 3,044     | 1,597          | 1,906   | 2,298                                 | 1,206                        |
| 1951-52 .. ..     | 2,694   | 1,104                          | 2,051                             | 3,623     | 1,898          | 2,337   | 2,806                                 | 1,201                        |
| 1952-53 .. ..     | 2,950   | 1,194                          | 2,239                             | 3,893     | 2,124          | 2,550   | 3,104                                 | 1,217                        |
| 1948-49—          |   |                                |                                   |           |                |   |                                       |                              |
| December Quarter  | 1,522   | 1,058                          | 1,334                             | 2,222     | 1,331          | 1,512   | 1,743                                 | 1,153                        |
| March .. ..       | 1,557   | 1,059                          | 1,355                             | 2,260     | 1,359          | 1,538   | 1,771                                 | 1,151                        |
| June .. ..        | 1,588   | 1,059                          | 1,374                             | 2,400     | 1,381          | 1,582   | 1,818                                 | 1,149                        |
| 1949-50—          |   |                                |                                   |           |                |   |                                       |                              |
| September Quarter | 1,597   | 1,060                          | 1,381                             | 2,498     | 1,402          | 1,610   | 1,857                                 | 1,153                        |
| December .. ..    | 1,635   | 1,062                          | 1,404                             | 2,606     | 1,436          | 1,653   | 1,891                                 | 1,144                        |
| March .. ..       | 1,685   | 1,063                          | 1,434                             | 2,636     | 1,461          | 1,682   | 1,927                                 | 1,146                        |
| June .. ..        | 1,740   | 1,065                          | 1,466                             | 2,764     | 1,473          | 1,730   | 1,976                                 | 1,142                        |
| 1950-51—          |   |                                |                                   |           |                |   |                                       |                              |
| September Quarter | 1,809   | 1,066                          | 1,509                             | 2,831     | 1,492          | 1,773   | 2,026                                 | 1,143                        |
| December .. ..    | 1,932   | 1,068                          | 1,583                             | 2,946     | 1,555          | 1,853   | 2,291                                 | 1,236                        |
| March .. ..       | 2,048   | 1,084                          | 1,659                             | 3,040     | 1,630          | 1,932   | 2,367                                 | 1,225                        |
| June .. ..        | 2,203   | 1,087                          | 1,752                             | 3,357     | 1,710          | 2,067   | 2,507                                 | 1,213                        |
| 1951-52—          |   |                                |                                   |           |                |   |                                       |                              |
| September Quarter | 2,444   | 1,091                          | 1,897                             | 3,463     | 1,787          | 2,191   | 2,629                                 | 1,200                        |
| December .. ..    | 2,644   | 1,094                          | 2,018                             | 3,582     | 1,870          | 2,303   | 2,771                                 | 1,203                        |
| March .. ..       | 2,751   | 1,105                          | 2,085                             | 3,658     | 1,905          | 2,366   | 2,878                                 | 1,216                        |
| June .. ..        | 2,937   | 1,124                          | 2,204                             | 3,789     | 2,031          | 2,488   | 2,946                                 | 1,184                        |
| 1952-53—          |   |                                |                                   |           |                |   |                                       |                              |
| September Quarter | 2,966   | 1,156                          | 2,233                             | 3,808     | 2,103          | 2,524   | 3,054                                 | 1,210                        |
| December .. ..    | 2,908   | 1,181                          | 2,210                             | 3,884     | 2,121          | 2,530   | 3,102                                 | 1,226                        |
| March .. ..       | 2,943   | 1,212                          | 2,243                             | 3,912     | 2,134          | 2,558   | 3,110                                 | 1,216                        |
| June .. ..        | 2,981   | 1,227                          | 2,271                             | 3,967     | 2,138          | 2,586   | 3,150                                 | 1,218                        |
| 1953-54—          |   |                                |                                   |           |                |   |                                       |                              |
| September Quarter | 3,073   | 1,235                          | 2,331                             | 3,946     | 2,141          | 2,618   | 3,195                                 | 1,220                        |
| December .. ..    | 3,092   | 1,243                          | 2,344                             | 3,933     | 2,147          | 2,624   | 3,206                                 | 1,222                        |

(a) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series Retail Price index number.

# RETAIL PRICES, HOURS AND WAGES.

(Hours and Wages relate to Adult Males.)

| Particulars.                    | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Six Capitals or Six States. |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| <i>1952: December Quarter—</i>  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)    | 2,607            | 2,508     | 2,356       | 2,468            | 2,509              | 2,535     | 2,530                       |
| Nominal weekly wage (a) ..      | 3,174            | 3,059     | 2,985       | 3,061            | 3,173              | 3,079     | 3,102                       |
| "Real" " " (a) ..               | 1,217            | 1,220     | 1,267       | 1,240            | 1,265              | 1,215     | 1,226                       |
| Average weekly hours (a) ..     | 890              | 889       | 890         | 890              | 879                | 890       | 889                         |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b)  | 237/-            | 228/-     | 216/-       | 229/-            | 228/-              | 230/-     | 231/-                       |
| State " " " (b)                 | 237/-            | (c)       | (d) 216/-   | (b) 229/-        | (e) 238/6          | (c)       | ..                          |
| <i>1953: March Quarter—</i>     |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)    | 2,637            | 2,537     | 2,374       | 2,492            | 2,534              | 2,613     | 2,558                       |
| Nominal weekly wage (a) ..      | 3,185            | 3,070     | 2,985       | 3,030            | 3,178              | 3,192     | 3,110                       |
| "Real" " " (a) ..               | 1,208            | 1,210     | 1,257       | 1,216            | 1,254              | 1,222     | 1,216                       |
| Average weekly hours (a) ..     | 890              | 889       | 890         | 890              | 879                | 890       | 889                         |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b)  | 238/-            | 229/-     | 215/-       | 225/-            | 229/-              | 232/-     | 231/-                       |
| State " " " (b)                 | 238/-            | (c)       | (f) 216/-   | (b) 225/-        | (g) 238/6          | (c)       | ..                          |
| <i>1953: June Quarter—</i>      |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)    | 2,662            | 2,570     | 2,385       | 2,524            | 2,583              | 2,651     | 2,586                       |
| Nominal weekly wage (a) ..      | 3,231            | 3,103     | 3,009       | 3,065            | 3,214              | 3,259     | 3,150                       |
| "Real" " " (a) ..               | 1,214            | 1,207     | 1,262       | 1,214            | 1,244              | 1,229     | 1,218                       |
| Average weekly hours (a) ..     | 890              | 889       | 890         | 890              | 879                | 890       | 889                         |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b)  | 241/-            | 232/-     | 217/-       | 228/-            | 231/-              | 239/-     | 234/-                       |
| State " " " (b)                 | 241/-            | (c)       | (h) 218/-   | (b) 228/-        | (i) 241/10         | (c)       | ..                          |
| <i>1953: September Quarter—</i> |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)    | 2,693            | 2,595     | 2,417       | 2,553            | 2,625              | 2,756     | 2,618                       |
| Nominal weekly wage (a) ..      | 3,302            | 3,135     | 3,022       | 3,104            | 3,255              | 3,307     | 3,195                       |
| "Real" " " (a) ..               | 1,226            | 1,208     | 1,250       | 1,216            | 1,240              | 1,200     | 1,220                       |
| Average weekly hours (a) ..     | 890              | 889       | 890         | 890              | 879                | 890       | 889                         |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b)  | 243/-            | 235/-     | 218/-       | 231/-            | 236/-              | 242/-     | 236/-                       |
| State " " " (b)                 | 243/-            | (c)       | (j) 219/-   | (b) 231/-        | (k) 246/6          | (c)       | ..                          |
| <i>1953: December Quarter—</i>  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)    | 2,690            | 2,605     | 2,454       | 2,562            | 2,610              | 2,803     | 2,624                       |
| Nominal weekly wage (a) ..      | 3,307            | 3,150     | 3,053       | 3,108            | 3,260              | 3,311     | 3,206                       |
| "Real" " " (a) ..               | 1,229            | 1,209     | 1,244       | 1,213            | 1,249              | 1,181     | 1,222                       |
| Average weekly hours (a) ..     | 890              | 889       | 890         | 890              | 879                | 890       | 889                         |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (l)  | 243/-            | 235/-     | 218/-       | 231/-            | 236/-              | 242/-     | 236/-                       |
| State " " " (l)                 | 243/-            | (m) 237/- | (n) 222/-   | (l) 231/-        | (k) 246/6          | (o) 242/- | ..                          |
| <i>1954: March Quarter—</i>     |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (l)  | 243/-            | 235/-     | 218/-       | 231/-            | 236/-              | 242/-     | 236/-                       |
| State " " " (l)                 | 243/-            | (b) 238/- | (p) 225/-   | (l) 231/-        | (k) 246/6          | 242/-     | ..                          |

(a) Base: Weighted Average Six Capitals (Retail Prices) or Six States (Wages and Hours) Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. Retail prices index numbers are for the capital cities. (b) Payable as from the beginning of the first pay period commencing in the second month of the quarter shown. (c) None declared but Wages Boards generally adopt Federal rates. (d) Payable as from 3rd November. (e) Payable as from 27th October. (f) Payable as from 22nd January. (g) Payable as from 27th January. (h) Payable as from 4th May. (i) Payable as from 27th April. (j) Payable as from 3rd August. (k) Payable as from 27th July. (l) Automatic adjustments discontinued. The rates shown came into operation from beginning of first pay period commencing August, 1953. (m) Payable from date in November or December, 1953, prescribed in determinations. (n) Payable as from 2nd November. (o) See note (c) above. An adjustment increase of 10s. was also generally payable under the Wages Boards determinations from early November, but ceased to operate from 9th December when automatic adjustments were discontinued. (p) Payable as from 1st February.

For meaning of symbol .., see page 1.

## FARM PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index numbers shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of farm products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the index numbers therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, &c., of products marketed. The index numbers for any year relate to the average values of farm products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The index numbers shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946-47 to 1950-51 have been used as fixed weights.

The preliminary index numbers for 1952-53 are based mainly on the recorded or estimated movement in average values for the major farm products. They will be reviewed from time to time as further "price" data become available.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Year.           | Agriculture. | Pastoral. | Farmyard<br>and<br>Dairying. | All<br>Farming. | Wool<br>(Shorn and<br>Dead). | Products<br>Other than<br>Wool. |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1936-37 .. ..   | 114          | 115       | 93                           | 109             | 126                          | 104                             |
| 1937-38 .. ..   | 98           | 98        | 102                          | 99              | 95                           | 100                             |
| 1938-39 .. ..   | 88           | 87        | 105                          | 92              | 79                           | 96                              |
| 1945-46 .. ..   | 174          | 133       | 159                          | 157             | 118                          | 169                             |
| 1946-47 .. ..   | 194          | 182       | 157                          | 185             | 187                          | 185                             |
| 1947-48 .. ..   | 267          | 263       | 183                          | 247             | 301                          | 230                             |
| 1948-49 .. ..   | 234          | 313       | 197                          | 260             | 366                          | 225                             |
| 1949-50 .. ..   | 272          | 396       | 228                          | 316             | 483                          | 261                             |
| 1950-51 .. ..   | 291          | 818       | 258                          | 505             | 1,098                        | 308                             |
| 1951-52 .. ..   | 355          | 501       | 332                          | 410             | 552                          | 363                             |
| 1952-53 p .. .. | 360          | 531       | 367                          | 433             | 623                          | 369                             |

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

## SHARE PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the two sets of index numbers on this page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the table.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

| Period.    | New South Wales : Ordinary Shares.(a)                 |                            |                                      |   |                              |  |  | Queensland : Ordinary Shares.(b) |                                    |                              |
|------------|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
|            | 23<br>Manufacturing and<br>Distributing<br>Companies. | 10<br>Retail<br>Companies. | 8<br>Public<br>Utility<br>Companies. | 5<br>Pastoral and<br>Finance<br>Companies | 5<br>Insurance<br>Companies. | 75<br>Companies<br>(including<br>24<br>Miscellaneous). | 34<br>Active<br>shares in-<br>cluded in<br>foregoing.<br>(c) | 12<br>Industrials.               | 12<br>Financial<br>and<br>Trading. | 24<br>Total of<br>foregoing. |
| 1936-37 .. | 989   | 1,059                      | 1,010                                | 1,106                                     | 1,052                        | 1,022  | 1,026  | 1,006                            | 1,000                              | 1,003                        |
| 1937-38 .. | 1,012   | 1,008                      | 1,026                                | 1,053                                     | 983                          | 1,009  | 1,011  | 1,014                            | 1,011                              | 1,013                        |
| 1938-39 .. | 999   | 993                        | 964                                  | 841                                       | 965                          | 969  | 963  | 980                              | 989                                | 984                          |
| 1946-47 .. | 1,463   | 1,479                      | 1,104                                | 1,131                                     | 1,296                        | 1,325  | 1,355  | 1,472                            | 1,249                              | 1,370                        |
| 1947-48 .. | 1,666   | 1,663                      | 1,044                                | 1,229                                     | 1,505                        | 1,450  | 1,450  | 1,625                            | 1,386                              | 1,515                        |
| 1948-49 .. | 1,682   | 1,601                      | 948                                  | 1,240                                     | 1,635                        | 1,426  | 1,413  | 1,681                            | 1,364                              | 1,536                        |
| 1949-50 .. | 1,763   | 1,603                      | 887                                  | 1,357                                     | 1,920                        | 1,491  | 1,458  | 1,746                            | 1,370                              | 1,573                        |
| 1950-51 .. | 2,242   | 1,932                      | 928                                  | 1,926                                     | 2,492                        | 1,845  | 1,763  | 2,108                            | 1,623                              | 1,886                        |
| 1951-52 .. | 2,040   | 1,658                      | 872                                  | 1,606                                     | 2,625                        | 1,662  | 1,537  | 1,838                            | 1,402                              | 1,638                        |
| 1952-53 .. | 1,733   | 1,376                      | 861                                  | 1,337                                     | 2,059                        | 1,398  | 1,335  | 1,494                            | 1,186                              | 1,353                        |
| 1951-52—   |   |                            |                                      |   |                              |  |  |                                  |                                    |                              |
| February   | 1,896   | 1,505                      | 857                                  | 1,469                                     | 2,619                        | 1,557  | 1,430  | 1,669                            | 1,303                              | 1,502                        |
| March ..   | 1,834   | 1,469                      | 843                                  | 1,412                                     | 2,371                        | 1,502  | 1,388  | 1,622                            | 1,244                              | 1,448                        |
| April ..   | 1,697   | 1,403                      | 840                                  | 1,331                                     | 2,230                        | 1,423  | 1,312  | 1,479                            | 1,212                              | 1,356                        |
| May ..     | 1,743   | 1,398                      | 847                                  | 1,338                                     | 2,178                        | 1,436  | 1,341  | 1,423                            | 1,157                              | 1,301                        |
| June ..    | 1,719   | 1,368                      | 871                                  | 1,300                                     | 2,165                        | 1,418  | 1,327  | 1,409                            | 1,142                              | 1,286                        |
| 1952-53—   |   |                            |                                      |   |                              |  |  |                                  |                                    |                              |
| July ..    | 1,760   | 1,379                      | 870                                  | 1,370                                     | 2,127                        | 1,434  | 1,366  | 1,419                            | 1,163                              | 1,301                        |
| August ..  | 1,756   | 1,386                      | 873                                  | 1,383                                     | 2,118                        | 1,428  | 1,351  | 1,403                            | 1,166                              | 1,294                        |
| September  | 1,709   | 1,365                      | 883                                  | 1,361                                     | 2,108                        | 1,398  | 1,321  | 1,391                            | 1,126                              | 1,269                        |
| October..  | 1,705   | 1,317                      | 858                                  | 1,336                                     | 2,088                        | 1,375  | 1,315  | 1,431                            | 1,132                              | 1,293                        |
| November   | 1,693   | 1,309                      | 857                                  | 1,297                                     | 2,114                        | 1,367  | 1,309  | 1,461                            | 1,133                              | 1,310                        |
| December   | 1,698   | 1,298                      | 850                                  | 1,302                                     | 2,075                        | 1,362  | 1,313  | 1,465                            | 1,143                              | 1,317                        |
| January .. | 1,755   | 1,376                      | 854                                  | 1,342                                     | 2,058                        | 1,401  | 1,364  | 1,529                            | 1,193                              | 1,375                        |
| February   | 1,751   | 1,418                      | 866                                  | 1,351                                     | 2,029                        | 1,408  | 1,358  | 1,585                            | 1,251                              | 1,432                        |
| March ..   | 1,755   | 1,441                      | 864                                  | 1,343                                     | 2,006                        | 1,412  | 1,347  | 1,570                            | 1,254                              | 1,424                        |
| April ..   | 1,733   | 1,411                      | 844                                  | 1,323                                     | 1,985                        | 1,394  | 1,317  | 1,539                            | 1,222                              | 1,394                        |
| May ..     | 1,734   | 1,396                      | 850                                  | 1,311                                     | 1,975                        | 1,391  | 1,322  | 1,555                            | 1,224                              | 1,403                        |
| June ..    | 1,745   | 1,411                      | 866                                  | 1,326                                     | 2,030                        | 1,405  | 1,342  | 1,580                            | 1,228                              | 1,418                        |
| 1953-54—   |   |                            |                                      |   |                              |  |  |                                  |                                    |                              |
| July ..    | 1,773   | 1,413                      | 871                                  | 1,360                                     | 2,086                        | 1,425  | 1,377  | 1,610                            | 1,242                              | 1,442                        |
| August ..  | 1,784   | 1,456                      | 871                                  | 1,387                                     | 2,171                        | 1,451  | 1,411  | 1,635                            | 1,245                              | 1,456                        |
| September  | 1,780   | 1,483                      | 876                                  | 1,381                                     | 2,185                        | 1,460  | 1,429  | 1,647                            | 1,265                              | 1,472                        |
| October..  | 1,745   | 1,508                      | 859                                  | 1,345                                     | 2,203                        | 1,445  | 1,409  | 1,660                            | 1,276                              | 1,483                        |
| November   | 1,733   | 1,509                      | 856                                  | 1,345                                     | 2,193                        | 1,441  | 1,403  | 1,671                            | 1,280                              | 1,492                        |
| December   | 1,760   | 1,523                      | 842                                  | 1,361                                     | 2,227                        | 1,458  | 1,424  | 1,676                            | 1,294                              | 1,501                        |
| January .. | 1,810   | 1,566                      | 866                                  | 1,357                                     | 2,314                        | 1,500  | 1,480  | 1,665                            | 1,313                              | 1,503                        |
| February   | 1,812   | 1,574                      | 887                                  | 1,358                                     | 2,375                        | 1,509  | 1,481  |                                  |                                    |                              |

(a) Compiled by the New South Wales Government Statistician. The index numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales. They represent unweighted averages of the mean monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made where capital is written off or bonus shares issued. Recomputed from original base, par values.

(b) Compiled by the Queensland Bureau of Industry. The index numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of 21 representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of three companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used. Recomputed from original base, April, 1928.

(c) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.

# SUMMARY OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

| Period.           | Farm<br>Production<br>Prices (All<br>farming). (a)<br>(Base :<br>Average 3<br>years ended<br>June,<br>1939 = 100.) | Export<br>Prices<br>(including<br>Gold). | Wholesale Prices (Basic Materials and<br>Foodstuffs). |   |                | Retail<br>Prices<br>(Six Capital<br>Cities) :<br>"C" Series<br>Index.<br>(c) | Share<br>Prices :<br>New South<br>Wales<br>(Ordinary<br>Shares—75<br>Companies). |
|-------------------|--|--|---|---|----------------|--|--|
|                   |  |  | Goods<br>Principally<br>Imported.<br>(b)              | Goods<br>Principally<br>Home Pro-<br>duced. | All<br>Groups. |  |  |
| 1936-37 .. .. .   | 109  | 1,144                                    | 991   | 980   | 984            | 973  | 1,022  |
| 1937-38 .. .. .   | 99   | 1,022                                    | 1,018   | 1,000                                       | 1,005          | 998  | 1,009  |
| 1938-39 .. .. .   | 92   | 834                                      | 991   | 1,020                                       | 1,011          | 1,029  | 969  |
| 1946-47 .. .. .   | 185  | 2,027                                    | 1,768   | 1,288                                       | 1,429          | 1,309  | 1,325  |
| 1947-48 .. .. .   | 247  | 2,834                                    | 1,924   | 1,448                                       | 1,588          | 1,392  | 1,450  |
| 1948-49 .. .. .   | 260  | 3,324                                    | 2,008   | 1,727                                       | 1,809          | 1,528  | 1,426  |
| 1949-50 .. .. .   | 316  | 3,830                                    | 2,231   | 1,982                                       | 2,054          | 1,669  | 1,491  |
| 1950-51 .. .. .   | 505  | 6,544                                    | 2,555   | 2,423                                       | 2,461          | 1,906  | 1,845  |
| 1951-52 .. .. .   | 410  | 4,731                                    | r2,879  | 3,046                                       | r2,996         | 2,337  | 1,662  |
| 1952-53 .. .. .   | p433   | p4,823                                   | r2,920  | 3,313                                       | r3,196         | 2,550  | 1,398  |
| 1951-52—          |  |  | r   | r   | r              |  |  |
| April .. .. .     | ..   | 4,324                                    | 2,966   | 3,180                                       | 3,117          | } 2,488 {  | 1,423  |
| May .. .. .       | ..   | 4,568                                    | 3,016   | 3,252                                       | 3,182          |  | 1,436  |
| June .. .. .      | ..   | 4,626                                    | 3,016   | 3,297                                       | 3,213          |  | 1,418  |
| 1952-53—          |  |  | r   | r   | r              |  |  |
| July .. .. .      | ..   | 4,650                                    | 3,024   | 3,373                                       | 3,268          | } 2,524 {  | 1,434  |
| August .. .. .    | ..   | 4,649                                    | 2,945   | 3,381                                       | 3,252          |  | 1,428  |
| September .. .. . | ..   | 4,574                                    | 2,944   | 3,325                                       | 3,212          |  | 1,398  |
| October .. .. .   | ..   | 4,694                                    | 2,954   | 3,223                                       | 3,142          | } 2,530 {  | 1,375  |
| November .. .. .  | ..   | 4,687                                    | 2,955   | 3,206                                       | 3,132          |  | 1,367  |
| December .. .. .  | ..   | p4,853                                   | 2,974   | 3,294                                       | 3,198          |  | 1,362  |
| January .. .. .   | ..   | p4,854                                   | 2,967   | 3,276                                       | 3,184          | } 2,558 {  | 1,401  |
| February .. .. .  | ..   | p4,862                                   | 2,890   | 3,275                                       | 3,161          |  | 1,408  |
| March .. .. .     | ..   | p4,989                                   | 2,897   | 3,281                                       | 3,166          |  | 1,412  |
| April .. .. .     | ..   | p5,025                                   | 2,880   | 3,361                                       | 3,218          | } 2,586 {  | 1,394  |
| May .. .. .       | ..   | p5,153                                   | 2,787   | 3,381                                       | 3,205          |  | 1,391  |
| June .. .. .      | ..   | p4,889                                   | 2,827   | 3,379                                       | 3,215          |  | 1,405  |
| 1953-54—          |  |  |   |   |                |  |  |
| July .. .. .      | ..   | p4,920                                   | r2,748  | r3,455                                      | r3,245         | } 2,618 {  | 1,425  |
| August .. .. .    | ..   | p4,889                                   | 2,755   | r3,603                                      | r3,351         |  | 1,451  |
| September .. .. . | ..   | p4,848                                   | r2,756  | r3,567                                      | r3,327         |  | 1,460  |
| October .. .. .   | ..   | p4,899                                   | r2,731  | r3,527                                      | r3,290         | } 2,624 {  | 1,445  |
| November .. .. .  | ..   | p4,904                                   | r2,700  | r3,423                                      | r3,209         |  | 1,441  |
| December .. .. .  | ..   | p4,792                                   | r2,689  | rp3,368                                     | rp3,166        |  | 1,458  |
| January .. .. .   | ..   | ..                                       | p2,713  | p3,361                                      | p3,168         |  | 1,500  |
| February .. .. .  | ..   | ..                                       | ..  | ..  | ..             |  | 1,509  |

(a) See note at head of page 24. (b) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (c) Covers Food and Groceries, House Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous Items.

For meaning of symbols r, p, see page 1.



# BUILDING PERMITS : SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(As granted by Local Government Authorities. Excludes Government Buildings except as indicated in note (a), page 29.)

| Period.                 | New Dwellings. |        | Other New Buildings. |        | Total New Buildings. |        | Alterations and Additions. | Total. |
|-------------------------|----------------|--------|----------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|----------------------------|--------|
|                         | Number.        | Value. | Number.              | Value. | Number.              | Value. | Value.                     | Value. |
|                         |                | £'000. |                      | £'000. |                      | £'000. | £'000.                     | £'000. |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                |        |                      |        |                      |        |                            |        |
| 1936-37 (a) ..          | 1,122          | 1,104  | 154                  | 474    | 1,276                | 1,578  | 408                        | 1,986  |
| 1937-38 (a) ..          | 1,394          | 1,413  | 147                  | 472    | 1,541                | 1,885  | 422                        | 2,307  |
| 1938-39 (a) ..          | 1,463          | 1,509  | 137                  | 424    | 1,600                | 1,933  | 420                        | 2,353  |
| 1946-47 ..              | 2,209          | 2,976  | 156                  | 512    | 2,365                | 3,488  | 596                        | 4,084  |
| 1947-48 ..              | 2,381          | 3,649  | 124                  | 453    | 2,505                | 4,102  | 585                        | 4,687  |
| 1948-49 ..              | 2,621          | 4,457  | 110                  | 440    | 2,731                | 4,897  | 680                        | 5,577  |
| 1949-50 ..              | 3,045          | 5,770  | 113                  | 460    | 3,158                | 6,230  | 899                        | 7,129  |
| 1950-51 ..              | 3,558          | 7,857  | 151                  | 1,062  | 3,709                | 8,919  | 1,507                      | 10,426 |
| 1951-52 ..              | 2,736          | 6,703  | 165                  | 1,270  | 2,901                | 7,973  | 1,727                      | 9,700  |
| 1952-53 ..              | 2,506          | 6,472  | 303                  | 1,744  | 2,809                | 8,216  | 1,829                      | 10,045 |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                |        |                      |        |                      |        |                            |        |
| 1951-52—                |                |        |                      |        |                      |        |                            |        |
| December ..             | 1,752          | 4,280  | 105                  | 1,823  | 1,857                | 6,103  | 1,685                      | 7,788  |
| January ..              | 2,148          | 5,266  | 123                  | 1,090  | 2,271                | 6,356  | 1,256                      | 7,612  |
| February ..             | 2,369          | 5,655  | 170                  | 1,260  | 2,539                | 6,915  | 1,372                      | 8,287  |
| March ..                | 2,591          | 6,187  | 146                  | 926    | 2,737                | 7,113  | 1,736                      | 8,849  |
| April ..                | 2,191          | 5,733  | 163                  | 946    | 2,354                | 6,679  | 1,914                      | 8,593  |
| May ..                  | 2,326          | 5,729  | 182                  | 1,513  | 2,508                | 7,242  | 2,064                      | 9,306  |
| June ..                 | 3,098          | 7,402  | 197                  | 1,534  | 3,295                | 8,936  | 1,574                      | 10,510 |
| 1952-53—                |                |        |                      |        |                      |        |                            |        |
| July ..                 | 2,364          | 5,835  | 242                  | 1,146  | 2,606                | 6,981  | 1,563                      | 8,544  |
| August ..               | 2,128          | 5,209  | 371                  | 1,646  | 2,499                | 6,855  | 1,878                      | 8,733  |
| September ..            | 3,250          | 7,576  | 344                  | 2,038  | 3,594                | 9,614  | 2,242                      | 11,856 |
| October ..              | 2,407          | 6,015  | 442                  | 2,064  | 2,849                | 8,079  | 1,832                      | 9,911  |
| November ..             | 2,307          | 5,931  | 226                  | 1,741  | 2,533                | 7,672  | 1,645                      | 9,317  |
| December ..             | 2,118          | 5,403  | 226                  | 1,201  | 2,344                | 6,604  | 1,655                      | 8,259  |
| January ..              | 2,030          | 5,092  | 183                  | 1,222  | 2,213                | 6,314  | 1,293                      | 7,607  |
| February ..             | 2,579          | 6,843  | 294                  | 1,593  | 2,873                | 8,436  | 1,867                      | 10,303 |
| March ..                | 2,752          | 7,397  | 296                  | 1,280  | 3,048                | 8,677  | 2,381                      | 11,058 |
| April ..                | 2,331          | 6,435  | 327                  | 2,023  | 2,658                | 8,458  | 1,835                      | 10,293 |
| May ..                  | 2,837          | 7,671  | 322                  | 2,184  | 3,159                | 9,855  | 1,830                      | 11,685 |
| June ..                 | 2,981          | 8,254  | 356                  | 2,793  | 3,337                | 11,047 | 1,931                      | 12,978 |
| 1953-54—                |                |        |                      |        |                      |        |                            |        |
| July ..                 | 2,777          | 7,904  | 358                  | 3,191  | 3,135                | 11,095 | 2,114                      | 13,209 |
| August ..               | 2,724          | 7,910  | 351                  | 2,241  | 3,075                | 10,151 | 2,190                      | 12,341 |
| September ..            | 2,810          | 8,355  | 377                  | 2,143  | 3,187                | 10,498 | 2,072                      | 12,570 |
| October ..              | 2,769          | 7,796  | 325                  | 2,097  | 3,094                | 9,893  | 1,845                      | 11,738 |
| November ..             | 2,746          | 7,697  | 363                  | 2,491  | 3,109                | 10,188 | 1,696                      | 11,884 |
| December ..             | 2,149          | 6,653  | 269                  | 2,164  | 2,418                | 8,817  | 1,415                      | 10,232 |

(a) Excludes Suburbs of Hobart.

NOTE.—Building controls under National Security (Building Control) Regulations operated from 5th December, 1940, becoming most stringent in 1942, when consent was required for all building other than alterations and additions costing less than £25. These controls were progressively relaxed after 1945 and have now virtually ceased to exist, except for minor restrictions in Victoria and Western Australia. For more detailed notes see earlier issues of this publication.

The "value of permits" shown above relates to the value of building permits issued by local government authorities and not to approvals granted under the Regulations.

# BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Figures for Government Buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for Private Buildings relate only to Permits issued by Local Government Authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

| Period.                 | Australia.(a)            |                                 |                       | New South Wales.         |                     |                                   | Victoria.                |                        |                                   |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                         | Government.              | Private.                        |                       | Government. (b)          | Private.            |                                   | Government.              | Private.               |                                   |
|                         | Common-wealth and State. | Six Capital Cities and Suburbs. | Other recorded areas. | Common-wealth and State. | Sydney and Suburbs. | Other recorded areas. See note A. | Common-wealth and State. | Melbourne and Suburbs. | Other recorded areas. See note B. |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |
| 1936-37 ..              | n.a.                     | (c)1,986                        | (d)627                | n.a.                     | 848                 | 416                               | n.a.                     | 667                    | 62                                |
| 1937-38 ..              | n.a.                     | (c)2,307                        | (d)764                | n.a.                     | 1,093               | 506                               | n.a.                     | 669                    | 78                                |
| 1938-39 ..              | 408                      | (c)2,353                        | (d)755                | 187                      | 1,111               | 495                               | 107                      | 702                    | 63                                |
| 1946-47 ..              | 1,248                    | 4,084                           | (e)1,991              | 633                      | 1,768               | 1,301                             | 371                      | 1,195                  | 91                                |
| 1947-48 ..              | 2,009                    | 4,687                           | (f)3,151              | 1,044                    | 1,705               | (g)1,985                          | 545                      | 1,650                  | 126                               |
| 1948-49 ..              | 1,992                    | 5,577                           | 3,832                 | 904                      | 2,089               | 2,432                             | 675                      | 1,804                  | 211                               |
| 1949-50 ..              | 2,751                    | 7,129                           | 4,863                 | 985                      | 2,625               | 3,101                             | 1,067                    | 2,218                  | 217                               |
| 1950-51 ..              | 4,348                    | 10,426                          | (h)8,568              | 1,964                    | 3,610               | 4,519                             | 1,428                    | 3,187                  | (i) 2,031                         |
| 1951-52 ..              | 3,631                    | 9,700                           | 7,877                 | 1,603                    | 2,679               | 3,717                             | 960                      | 2,831                  | 1,947                             |
| 1952-53 ..              | 2,760                    | 10,045                          | 7,671                 | 923                      | 2,799               | 3,542                             | 1,129                    | 2,906                  | 1,931                             |
| 1951-52—                |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |
| December Qtr.           | 3,400                    | 9,452                           | 7,757                 | 1,357                    | 2,820               | 3,612                             | 946                      | 2,856                  | 1,840                             |
| March ..                | 3,096                    | 8,249                           | 6,706                 | 1,193                    | 2,120               | 2,859                             | 960                      | 2,380                  | 1,817                             |
| June ..                 | 3,589                    | 9,469                           | 7,371                 | 1,466                    | 2,320               | 3,490                             | 1,011                    | 2,517                  | 1,794                             |
| 1952-53—                |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |
| September ..            | 2,218                    | 9,711                           | 6,888                 | 772                      | 2,270               | 3,197                             | 780                      | 2,946                  | 1,653                             |
| December ..             | 3,549                    | 9,162                           | 7,497                 | 494                      | 2,646               | 3,232                             | 2,242                    | 2,757                  | 2,255                             |
| March ..                | 2,639                    | 9,656                           | 7,499                 | 1,334                    | 2,703               | 3,507                             | 660                      | 2,769                  | 1,626                             |
| June ..                 | 2,684                    | 11,652                          | 8,802                 | 1,094                    | 3,576               | 4,232                             | 834                      | 3,155                  | 2,190                             |
| 1953-54—                |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |
| September ..            | 4,105                    | 12,706                          | 9,766                 | 1,923                    | 3,807               | 4,578                             | 1,496                    | 3,708                  | 2,469                             |
| December ..             | p4,563                   | 11,284                          | 9,311                 | 2,356                    | 3,166               | 4,505                             | r1,432                   | 3,813                  | 2,178                             |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |
| 1953-54—                |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |
| August ..               | 3,610                    | 12,341                          | n.a.                  | 1,966                    | 4,138               | 4,242                             | 1,036                    | 3,633                  | 2,251                             |
| September ..            | 4,790                    | 12,570                          | n.a.                  | 1,896                    | 3,663               | 4,820                             | 2,295                    | 3,564                  | 2,592                             |
| October ..              | p5,674                   | 11,738                          | n.a.                  | 3,085                    | 3,244               | 4,684                             | 1,828                    | 3,725                  | 2,446                             |
| November ..             | p4,042                   | 11,884                          | n.a.                  | 2,097                    | 3,663               | 4,416                             | 1,187                    | 3,701                  | 1,971                             |
| December ..             | p3,974                   | 10,232                          | n.a.                  | r1,886                   | 2,591               | 4,414                             | r1,280                   | 4,014                  | 2,116                             |

(a) See note (a) on page 29. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Excludes suburbs of Hobart.  
 (d) Incomplete, excludes Western Australia. (e) See E and F, page 29. (f) See A, below and C, page 29. (g) Includes all areas outside Sydney and suburbs from September quarter, 1947. See A below. (h) See B below. (i) Includes all areas outside Melbourne and suburbs from September quarter, 1950.

## NOTES.

A. Includes 129 Country Towns and seven Shires near Sydney to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Sydney and suburbs.  
 B. Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton and Warrnambool to June quarter, 1950, thereafter all areas outside Melbourne and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, p, —, see page 1.

# BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—*continued.*

(Figures for Private Buildings relate only to Permits issued by Local Government Authorities.)

(£'000.)

| Period.                 | Queensland.              |                       |                                   | South Australia.         |                       |                                   | Western Australia.       |                    |                                   | Tasmania.                |                     |                                   |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                         | Government.              | Private.(a)           |                                   | Government.(b)           | Private.(a)           |                                   | Government.              | Private.(a)        |                                   | Government.              | Private.(a)         |                                   |
|                         | Common-wealth and State. | Brisbane and Suburbs. | Other recorded areas. See note C. | Common-wealth and State. | Adelaide and Suburbs. | Other recorded areas. See note D. | Common-wealth and State. | Perth and Suburbs. | Other recorded areas. See note E. | Common-wealth and State. | Hobart and Suburbs. | Other recorded areas. See note F. |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                          |                       |                                   |                          |                       |                                   |                          |                    |                                   |                          |                     |                                   |
| 1936-37 ..              | n.a.                     | 153                   | 98                                | n.a.                     | 118                   | 32                                | n.a.                     | 168                | n.a.                              | n.a.                     | 32                  | 19                                |
| 1937-38 ..              | n.a.                     | 167                   | 114                               | n.a.                     | 173                   | 48                                | n.a.                     | 174                | n.a.                              | n.a.                     | 31                  | 18                                |
| 1938-39 ..              | 34                       | 171                   | 118                               | 22                       | 192                   | 63                                | 38                       | 145                | n.a.                              | 20                       | 32                  | 16                                |
| 1946-47 ..              | 78                       | 455                   | 290                               | 57                       | 379                   | 105                               | 77                       | 187                | (c)60                             | 32                       | (d) 100             | (e)144                            |
| 1947-48 ..              | 141                      | 557                   | (f)692                            | 132                      | 418                   | 91                                | 115                      | 238                | 60                                | 32                       | 119                 | 197                               |
| 1948-49 ..              | 116                      | 610                   | 721                               | 105                      | 564                   | 132                               | 145                      | 338                | 70                                | 47                       | 172                 | 266                               |
| 1949-50 ..              | 198                      | 827                   | 868                               | 217                      | 727                   | 188                               | 197                      | 499                | 111                               | 87                       | 233                 | 378                               |
| 1950-51 ..              | 357                      | 1,106                 | 1,061                             | 216                      | 1,174                 | 215                               | 270                      | 1,027              | 274                               | 113                      | 322                 | 468                               |
| 1951-52 ..              | 228                      | 1,426                 | 1,107                             | 377                      | 1,386                 | 265                               | 379                      | 1,120              | 347                               | 84                       | 258                 | 494                               |
| 1952-53 ..              | 220                      | 1,376                 | 1,209                             | 226                      | 1,525                 | 336                               | 219                      | 1,157              | 320                               | 43                       | 282                 | 333                               |
| 1951-52—                |                          |                       |                                   |                          |                       |                                   |                          |                    |                                   |                          |                     |                                   |
| Dec. Qtr.               | 329                      | 1,319                 | 1,109                             | 272                      | 1,093                 | 291                               | 451                      | 1,088              | 336                               | 45                       | 276                 | 569                               |
| March ..                | 133                      | 1,292                 | 1,093                             | 326                      | 1,313                 | 239                               | 321                      | 904                | 299                               | 163                      | 240                 | 399                               |
| June ..                 | 271                      | 1,391                 | 1,007                             | 426                      | 2,044                 | 304                               | 395                      | 1,007              | 349                               | 20                       | 190                 | 427                               |
| 1952-53—                |                          |                       |                                   |                          |                       |                                   |                          |                    |                                   |                          |                     |                                   |
| Sept. ..                | 230                      | 1,862                 | 1,106                             | 179                      | 1,370                 | 313                               | 241                      | 966                | 285                               | 16                       | 297                 | 334                               |
| Dec. ..                 | 302                      | 1,089                 | 1,100                             | 236                      | 1,215                 | 327                               | 260                      | 1,207              | 306                               | 15                       | 248                 | 277                               |
| March ..                | 140                      | 1,442                 | 1,292                             | 274                      | 1,394                 | 387                               | 198                      | 1,091              | 330                               | 33                       | 257                 | 357                               |
| June ..                 | 257                      | 1,112                 | 1,337                             | 216                      | 2,119                 | 316                               | 175                      | 1,364              | 359                               | 108                      | 326                 | 368                               |
| 1953-54—                |                          |                       |                                   |                          |                       |                                   |                          |                    |                                   |                          |                     |                                   |
| Sept. ..                | 151                      | 1,450                 | 1,431                             | 263                      | 1,654                 | 390                               | 234                      | 1,573              | 487                               | 38                       | 514                 | 411                               |
| Dec. ..                 | p102                     | 1,262                 | 1,392                             | 298                      | 1,243                 | 321                               | 273                      | 1,539              | 489                               | 102                      | 261                 | 426                               |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                          |                       |                                   |                          |                       |                                   |                          |                    |                                   |                          |                     |                                   |
| 1953-54—                |                          |                       |                                   |                          |                       |                                   |                          |                    |                                   |                          |                     |                                   |
| August ..               | 120                      | 1,101                 | 1,428                             | 193                      | 1,557                 | n.a.                              | 266                      | 1,548              | 540                               | 29                       | 364                 | 471                               |
| September ..            | 161                      | 1,337                 | 1,475                             | 183                      | 1,920                 | n.a.                              | 221                      | 1,735              | 528                               | 34                       | 351                 | 458                               |
| October ..              | pr101                    | 1,359                 | 1,576                             | 261                      | 1,609                 | n.a.                              | r329                     | 1,510              | 610                               | 70                       | 291                 | 462                               |
| November ..             | p151                     | 1,287                 | 1,373                             | 353                      | 1,243                 | n.a.                              | 190                      | 1,715              | 404                               | 64                       | 275                 | 488                               |
| December ..             | p55                      | 1,139                 | 1,227                             | 279                      | 878                   | n.a.                              | 302                      | 1,392              | 453                               | 172                      | 218                 | 327                               |

(a) Includes buildings erected under government home building schemes where permits obtained from local government authorities.  
 (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Includes 86 country local authorities from September quarter, 1946. See E below. (d) Previously Hobart city area only. From September quarter, 1946, includes Hobart and suburbs. (e) Includes all areas outside Hobart and suburbs from September quarter, 1946. See F below. (f) Includes all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs from September quarter, 1947. See C below.

## NOTES.

C. Includes the Cities of Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville and Warwick, and the Towns of Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs.

D. Includes Local Government areas, and estimate for unincorporated areas.

E. Includes 15 country local authorities, representing approximately 30 per cent. of provincial population to June quarter, 1946. Thereafter includes 86 country local authorities, representing approximately 86 per cent. of provincial population.

F. Launceston only to June quarter, 1946, thereafter all areas outside Hobart and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, p, —, see page 7.

# VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

| Period.                    | Commenced. |        |         | Completed. |         |         | Under Construction at end of period. |          |           |
|----------------------------|------------|--------|---------|------------|---------|---------|--------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
|                            | Houses.    | Other. | Total.  | Houses.    | Other.  | Total.  | Houses.(a)                           | Other.   | Total.(a) |
| <b>Quarterly Averages.</b> |            |        |         |            |         |         |                                      |          |           |
| 1946-47 .. ..              | a13,740    | 4,148  | a17,888 | a8,924     | 1,578   | a10,502 | 44,745                               | 21,255   | 66,000    |
| 1947-48 .. ..              | a17,900    | 5,138  | a23,038 | a13,307    | 2,389   | a15,696 | 66,509                               | 33,588   | 100,097   |
| 1948-49 .. ..              | a22,277    | 6,940  | a29,217 | a18,331    | 3,932   | a22,263 | 86,832                               | 49,135   | 135,967   |
| 1949-50 .. ..              | a27,516    | 8,014  | a35,530 | a22,446    | 5,251   | a27,697 | 115,714                              | 61,119   | 176,833   |
| 1950-51 .. ..              | a40,478    | 14,615 | a55,093 | a31,222    | 6,258   | a37,480 | 162,481                              | 91,632   | 254,113   |
| 1951-52 .. ..              | 44,951     | 16,224 | 61,175  | r43,110    | r10,876 | r53,986 | r187,631                             | 125,534  | r313,165  |
| 1952-53 .. ..              | 39,358     | 13,909 | 53,267  | r47,514    | 18,169  | r65,683 | r167,584                             | 115,629  | r283,213  |
| <b>Quarterly Totals.</b>   |            |        |         |            |         |         |                                      |          |           |
| 1951-52—                   |            |        |         |            |         |         |                                      |          |           |
| Dec. Qtr. ..               | 46,637     | 15,473 | 62,110  | r45,268    | 9,560   | r54,828 | 185,554                              | 113,271  | 298,825   |
| March .. ..                | 43,190     | 15,122 | 58,312  | r41,599    | 10,753  | r52,352 | 189,921                              | 118,564  | r308,485  |
| June .. ..                 | 40,879     | 18,054 | 58,933  | r47,425    | 13,973  | r61,398 | r187,631                             | 125,534  | r313,165  |
| 1952-53—                   |            |        |         |            |         |         | a                                    |          |           |
| Sept. .. ..                | 37,145     | 13,091 | 50,236  | r48,604    | 16,882  | r65,486 | r180,359                             | 124,545  | r304,904  |
| Dec. .. ..                 | 36,393     | 10,105 | 46,498  | r49,861    | 17,955  | r67,816 | r170,245                             | r118,508 | r288,753  |
| March .. ..                | 40,185     | 14,086 | 54,271  | r45,965    | 19,065  | r65,030 | r166,184                             | r114,549 | r280,733  |
| June .. ..                 | 43,709     | 18,352 | 62,061  | r45,625    | 18,772  | r64,397 | r167,584                             | 115,629  | r283,213  |
| 1953-54—                   |            |        |         |            |         |         | a                                    |          |           |
| Sept. .. ..                | 48,458     | 21,564 | 70,022  | r46,816    | 21,712  | r68,528 | r173,099                             | 115,881  | r288,980  |
| Dec. .. ..                 | 46,817     | 18,942 | 65,759  | 53,584     | 20,043  | 73,627  | 168,113                              | 115,353  | 283,466   |

# VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

| Period.                   | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australian Capital Territory. | Total.  |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|---------|
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b> |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |         |
| 1946-47 .. ..             | a4,274           | 2,767     | 1,814       | 686              | 529                | 354       | 78                            | a10,502 |
| 1947-48 .. ..             | a6,076           | 4,473     | 2,598       | 1,020            | 832                | 570       | 127                           | a15,696 |
| 1948-49 .. ..             | a8,434           | 6,839     | 3,050       | 1,621            | 1,177              | 953       | 189                           | a22,263 |
| 1949-50 .. ..             | a10,230          | 8,671     | 3,488       | 2,268            | 1,338              | 1,336     | 366                           | a27,697 |
| 1950-51 .. ..             | a12,367          | 13,014    | 4,322       | 3,010            | 2,237              | 2,101     | 429                           | a37,480 |
| 1951-52 .. ..             | r19,052          | 17,154    | 6,335       | r4,531           | 3,606              | 2,628     | 680                           | r53,986 |
| 1952-53 .. ..             | r24,512          | 19,027    | 6,558       | 6,471            | 5,730              | 2,666     | 718                           | r65,682 |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |         |
| 1951-52—                  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |         |
| Dec. Qtr. ..              | 18,125           | 18,257    | 6,200       | r4,613           | 3,735              | 3,338     | 560                           | r54,828 |
| March .. ..               | r20,437          | 15,014    | 6,485       | 4,197            | 3,466              | 1,961     | 792                           | r52,352 |
| June .. ..                | r22,795          | 18,796    | 7,036       | 5,269            | 4,285              | 2,432     | 785                           | r61,398 |
| 1952-53—                  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |         |
| Sept. .. ..               | r22,585          | 21,047    | 6,252       | 6,232            | 5,735              | 2,867     | 768                           | r65,486 |
| Dec. .. ..                | r25,008          | 18,943    | 6,892       | 6,860            | 6,448              | 2,700     | 965                           | r67,816 |
| March .. ..               | r26,233          | 18,453    | 5,999       | 6,481            | 4,876              | 2,495     | 493                           | r65,030 |
| June .. ..                | r24,223          | 17,664    | 7,090       | 6,309            | 5,859              | 2,603     | 649                           | r64,397 |
| 1953-54—                  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |         |
| Sept. .. ..               | r24,296          | 22,463    | 6,627       | 5,941            | 6,308              | 2,283     | 610                           | r68,528 |
| Dec. .. ..                | 26,550           | 22,926    | 6,732       | 6,584            | 7,274              | 2,223     | 1,338                         | 73,657  |

(a) Partly estimated.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

# NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES.

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

| Period.                              | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australian Capital Territory. | Total.    |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| COMMENCED.                           |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |           |
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b>            |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |           |
| 1947-48.. ..                         | (a)4,952         | 3,870     | 2,382       | 895              | 768                | 516       | 98                            | (a)13,481 |
| 1948-49.. ..                         | (a)5,323         | 4,122     | 2,340       | 1,140            | 961                | 712       | 134                           | (a)14,732 |
| 1949-50.. ..                         | (a)5,514         | 4,911     | 2,502       | 1,527            | 1,258              | 916       | 97                            | (a)16,725 |
| 1950-51.. ..                         | (a)6,292         | 6,737     | 2,675       | 1,991            | 1,742              | 1,030     | 219                           | (a)20,686 |
| 1951-52.. ..                         | 6,091            | 5,877     | 2,999       | 2,128            | 1,932              | 896       | 78                            | 20,001    |
| 1952-53.. ..                         | 5,258            | 4,064     | 2,345       | 1,992            | 1,753              | 571       | 132                           | 16,115    |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>              |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |           |
| 1951-52—Dec. Qtr.                    | 6,323            | 6,410     | 2,976       | 1,998            | 2,039              | 1,016     | 64                            | 20,826    |
| Mar. „                               | 5,892            | 5,294     | 2,919       | 2,205            | 1,828              | 787       | 93                            | 19,018    |
| June „                               | 5,782            | 4,699     | 2,677       | 2,211            | 1,725              | 684       | 74                            | 17,852    |
| 1952-53—Sept. „                      | 4,496            | 3,623     | 2,929       | 2,321            | 1,674              | 574       | 83                            | 15,700    |
| Dec. „                               | 5,210            | 3,729     | 2,070       | 1,865            | 1,736              | 492       | 178                           | 15,280    |
| Mar. „                               | 5,203            | 4,423     | 2,117       | 1,729            | 1,842              | 695       | 185                           | 16,194    |
| June „                               | 6,121            | 4,479     | 2,265       | 2,052            | 1,760              | 524       | 82                            | 17,283    |
| 1953-54—Sept. „                      | 6,788            | 5,294     | 2,217       | 1,907            | 1,984              | 683       | 72                            | 18,945    |
| Dec. „                               | 7,283            | 5,173     | 1,957       | 1,591            | 1,741              | 595       | 72                            | 18,412    |
| COMPLETED.                           |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |           |
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b>            |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |           |
| 1947-48.. ..                         | (a)3,715         | 2,962     | 2,300       | 752              | 693                | 386       | 68                            | (a)10,876 |
| 1948-49.. ..                         | (a)4,466         | 3,570     | 2,338       | 997              | 811                | 572       | 81                            | (a)12,835 |
| 1949-50.. ..                         | (a)4,692         | 3,902     | 2,362       | 1,226            | 877                | 713       | 101                           | (a)13,873 |
| 1950-51.. ..                         | (a)4,943         | 5,290     | 2,569       | 1,680            | 1,290              | 979       | 144                           | (a)16,895 |
| 1951-52.. ..                         | 5,837            | 5,988     | 2,951       | 1,928            | 1,644              | 1,000     | 146                           | 19,494    |
| 1952-53.. ..                         | 6,222            | 5,258     | 2,650       | 2,235            | 1,991              | 829       | 147                           | 19,332    |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>              |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |           |
| 1951-52—Dec. Qtr.                    | 6,041            | 6,513     | 3,008       | 1,964            | 1,821              | 1,336     | 154                           | 20,837    |
| Mar. „                               | 6,122            | 5,231     | 3,049       | 1,754            | 1,477              | 705       | 121                           | 18,459    |
| June „                               | 6,158            | 6,056     | 2,868       | 2,225            | 1,899              | 887       | 174                           | 20,267    |
| 1952-53—Sept. „                      | 6,388            | 5,675     | 2,836       | 2,352            | 2,040              | 909       | 131                           | 20,331    |
| Dec. „                               | 6,216            | 5,564     | 2,663       | 2,476            | 2,314              | 983       | 213                           | 20,429    |
| Mar. „                               | 6,368            | 4,905     | 2,473       | 2,071            | 1,630              | 704       | 105                           | 18,256    |
| June „                               | 5,918            | 4,889     | 2,626       | 2,041            | 1,981              | 718       | 141                           | 18,314    |
| 1953-54—Sept. „                      | 5,918            | 5,626     | 2,266       | 1,973            | 1,893              | 608       | 124                           | 18,408    |
| Dec. „                               | 7,394            | 5,994     | 2,430       | 2,051            | 2,138              | 661       | 203                           | 20,871    |
| UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD. |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |           |
| 1947-48 .. ..                        | (a)19,686        | 15,312    | 3,951       | 3,203            | 1,841              | 2,065     | 491                           | (a)46,549 |
| 1948-49 .. ..                        | (a)23,113        | 17,521    | 3,958       | 3,940            | 2,439              | 2,575     | 696                           | (a)54,242 |
| 1949-50 .. ..                        | (a)26,402        | 21,553    | 4,520       | 5,241            | 3,957              | 3,357     | 678                           | (a)65,708 |
| 1950-51 .. ..                        | (a)31,793        | 27,341    | 4,943       | 6,529            | 5,764              | 3,558     | 981                           | (a)80,909 |
| 1951-52 .. ..                        | (a)32,806        | 26,896    | 5,135       | 7,395            | 6,917              | 3,143     | 708                           | (a)83,000 |
| 1952-53 .. ..                        | (a)28,946        | 22,053    | 3,918       | 6,464            | 5,951              | 2,114     | 646                           | (a)70,092 |
| 1951-52—Dec. Qtr.                    | (a)33,412        | 28,190    | 5,456       | 6,938            | 6,740              | 3,264     | 836                           | (a)84,836 |
| Mar. „                               | (a)33,182        | 28,253    | 5,326       | 7,411            | 7,091              | 3,346     | 808                           | (a)85,417 |
| June „                               | (a)32,806        | 26,896    | 5,135       | 7,395            | 6,917              | 3,143     | 708                           | (a)98,000 |
| 1952-53—Sept. „                      | (a)30,914        | 24,844    | 5,228       | 7,384            | 6,551              | 2,808     | 660                           | (a)78,389 |
| Dec. „                               | (a)29,908        | 22,994    | 4,635       | 6,786            | 5,973              | 2,317     | 626                           | (a)73,239 |
| Mar. „                               | (a)28,743        | 22,506    | 4,279       | 6,450            | 6,185              | 2,308     | 706                           | (a)71,177 |
| June „                               | (a)28,946        | 22,053    | 3,918       | 6,464            | 5,951              | 2,114     | 646                           | (a)70,092 |
| 1953-54—Sept. „                      | (a)29,816        | 21,721    | 3,869       | 6,422            | 6,042              | 2,189     | 594                           | (a)70,653 |
| Dec. „                               | (a)29,705        | 20,900    | 3,396       | 5,960            | 5,645              | 2,123     | 463                           | (a)68,192 |

(a) Partly estimated.



# PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

| Period.                 | Black Coal.   |            |            | Brown Coal. | Gold, (Mine Production). (a) | Heat, Light and Power. |                              | Metals.    |              |                |   |                      |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------|--------------|----------------|---|----------------------|
|                         | Under-ground. | Open Cut.  | Total.     |             |                              | Gas made in Gas-works. | Total Electricity Generated. | Pig Iron.  | Ingot Steel. | Zinc, Refined. | Lead, Refined and Lead in Lead Bullion. (b) | Copper, Refined. (b) |
|                         | '000 tons.    | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons.  | '000 fine oz.                | Million cubic feet.    | Million kWh.                 | '000 tons. | '000 tons.   | Tons.          | Tons.                                       | Tons.                |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |               |            |            |             |                              |                        |                              | (c)        | (c)          |                |   |                      |
| 1936-37 ..              | n.a.          | n.a.       | 977        | 258         | 108.2                        | 1,679                  | 331                          | 76.1       | 90.0         | 5,840          | 17,562                                      | 1,280                |
| 1937-38 ..              | n.a.          | n.a.       | 990        | 300         | 123.3                        | 1,746                  | 363                          | 77.5       | 97.2         | 5,810          | 18,797                                      | 1,437                |
| 1938-39 ..              | n.a.          | n.a.       | 1,051      | 267         | 135.1                        | 1,789                  | 391                          | 92.1       | 97.5         | 5,819          | 19,416                                      | 1,457                |
| 1946-47 ..              | n.a.          | n.a.       | 1,178      | 490         | 77.2                         | 2,784                  | 627                          | 95.3       | 109.4        | 5,852          | 14,693                                      | 1,812                |
| 1947-48 ..              | n.a.          | n.a.       | 1,231      | 535         | 75.5                         | 3,025                  | 697                          | 103.0      | 112.1        | 5,784          | 14,497                                      | 1,290                |
| 1948-49 ..              | 1,066         | 178        | 1,244      | 586         | 74.9                         | 3,061                  | 754                          | 87.1       | 98.2         | 6,298          | 17,017                                      | 939                  |
| 1949-50 ..              | 1,039         | 204        | 1,243      | 636         | 71.6                         | 2,908                  | 792                          | 91.5       | 101.5        | 6,981          | 15,784                                      | 968                  |
| 1950-51 ..              | 1,124         | 245        | 1,369      | 608         | 74.3                         | 3,075                  | 875                          | 109.4      | 120.3        | 6,478          | 15,682                                      | 936                  |
| 1951-52 ..              | 1,245         | 353        | 1,598      | 675         | 75.7                         | 3,366                  | 941                          | 118.2      | 126.8        | 7,011          | 15,680                                      | 1,483                |
| 1952-53 p..             | 1,254         | 292        | 1,546      | 675         | 86.6                         | 3,439                  | 1,024                        | 139.9      | 151.9        | 7,181          | 16,129                                      | 1,501                |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |               |            |            |             |                              |                        |                              |            |              |                |   |                      |
| 1951-52 —               |               |            |            |             |                              |                        |                              |            |              |                |   |                      |
| February                | 1,275         | 376        | 1,651      | 655         | 75.2                         | 3,003                  | 904                          | 118.5      | 127.9        | 6,844          | 14,390                                      | 733                  |
| March ..                | 1,333         | 407        | 1,740      | 730         | 72.0                         | 3,224                  | 952                          | 127.2      | 136.9        | 7,393          | 14,214                                      | 2,250                |
| April ..                | 1,219         | 349        | 1,568      | 649         | 79.4                         | 3,215                  | 914                          | 119.0      | 117.5        | 7,429          | 15,291                                      | 1,184                |
| May ..                  | 1,347         | 378        | 1,725      | 701         | 77.5                         | 3,656                  | 992                          | 95.9       | 91.6         | 7,729          | 17,627                                      | 1,446                |
| June ..                 | 1,224         | 311        | 1,535      | 684         | 83.6                         | 3,743                  | 988                          | 93.0       | 99.7         | 7,225          | 10,388                                      | 2,626                |
| 1952-53 p—              |               |            |            |             |                              |                        |                              |            |              |                |   |                      |
| July ..                 | 1,510         | 375        | 1,885      | 728         | 93.7                         | 4,068                  | 1,082                        | 122.3      | 147.2        | 7,269          | 18,721                                      | 821                  |
| August ..               | 1,295         | 277        | 1,572      | 717         | 69.5                         | 3,855                  | 1,039                        | 133.2      | 153.1        | 7,315          | 19,540                                      | 1,818                |
| September               | 1,429         | 385        | 1,814      | 655         | 80.8                         | 3,528                  | 992                          | 150.4      | 152.1        | 7,072          | 18,407                                      | 1,733                |
| October..               | 1,507         | 359        | 1,866      | 667         | 101.2                        | 3,473                  | 1,018                        | 157.8      | 166.0        | 7,338          | 18,413                                      | 2,381                |
| November                | 1,321         | 327        | 1,648      | 680         | 82.4                         | 3,271                  | 965                          | 144.2      | 154.5        | 7,116          | 18,437                                      | 2,333                |
| December                | 1,076         | 266        | 1,342      | 596         | 96.5                         | 3,206                  | 972                          | 140.7      | 153.8        | 7,412          | 12,679                                      | 639                  |
| January ..              | 884           | 182        | 1,066      | r610        | 81.6                         | 3,011                  | 939                          | 134.3      | 157.1        | 7,368          | 3,202                                       | 493                  |
| February                | 1,264         | 268        | 1,532      | r635        | r79.2                        | 2,861                  | 932                          | 133.9      | 145.1        | 6,715          | 8,085                                       | 1,520                |
| March ..                | 1,319         | 287        | 1,606      | r665        | r88.4                        | 3,221                  | 1,052                        | 164.9      | 164.7        | 7,422          | 19,572                                      | 1,179                |
| April ..                | 1,153         | 251        | 1,404      | r670        | r82.4                        | 3,220                  | 1,017                        | 158.2      | 158.8        | 7,110          | 18,987                                      | 1,793                |
| May ..                  | 1,125         | 257        | 1,382      | r748        | r84.6                        | 3,684                  | 1,121                        | 146.1      | 172.4        | 7,285          | 18,325                                      | 830                  |
| June ..                 | 1,151         | 278        | 1,429      | r702        | r97.1                        | 3,876                  | 1,160                        | 151.9      | 171.7        | 6,754          | 19,178                                      | 2,466                |
| 1953-54p—               |               |            |            |             |                              |                        |                              |            |              |                |   |                      |
| July ..                 | 1,525         | 300        | 1,825      | 710         | 79.4                         | 4,149                  | 1,222                        | 156.3      | 184.8        | 7,070          | 21,920                                      | 237                  |
| August ..               | 1,437         | 273        | 1,710      | 707         | 106.8                        | 4,031                  | 1,198                        | 158.3      | 186.9        | 7,445          | 20,363                                      | 239                  |
| September               | 1,464         | 291        | 1,755      | 701         | 86.8                         | 3,675                  | 1,130                        | 151.5      | 171.0        | 7,403          | 20,229                                      | 729                  |
| October..               | r1,460        | r281       | r1,741     | 746         | 88.6                         | 3,591                  | 1,156                        | 162.5      | 187.8        | 8,394          | 21,577                                      | 1,766                |
| November                | 1,482         | 262        | 1,744      | 723         | 93.3                         | 3,354                  | 1,139                        | 157.3      | 181.7        | 8,405          | 16,626                                      | 2,489                |
| December                | r1,038        | r194       | r1,232     | 624         | r106.6                       | 3,216                  | 1,124                        | 161.7      | 167.1        | 8,806          | 21,455                                      | 938                  |
| January                 | 985           | 188        | 1,173      | 632         | 83.1                         |                        |                              | 158.8      | r180.4       | 8,593          | 18,332                                      |                      |
| February                |               |            |            | 652         |                              |                        |                              | 135.5      | 151.7        |                |   |                      |

(a) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia.

(b) Source: Australian Mines and Metals Association.

(c) Monthly averages for twelve months ended May.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, p, see page 1.

# PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

| Period.          | Building Materials. |                |         |                         |                         |                  |                         | Cooking Stoves. |         |               | Domestic Refrigerators. |
|------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------|---------------|-------------------------|
|                  | Clay Bricks.        | Roofing Tiles. |         | Cement Building Sheets. | Sawn Native Timber. (a) | Portland Cement. | Fibrous Plaster Sheets. | Solid Fuel. (b) | Gas.(b) | Electric. (c) |                         |
|                  |                     | Terra-cotta.   | Cement. |                         |                         |                  |                         |                 |         |               |                         |
|                  | Million.            | '000.          | '000.   | '000 sq. yds. (d)       | Million sup. ft.        | '000 tons.       | '000 sq. yds.           | No.             | No.     | No.           | No.                     |
| Monthly Average— |                     |                |         |                         |                         |                  |                         |                 |         |               |                         |
| 1936-37 ..       | 53.1                | 2,630          | 326     | 522                     | 53.6                    | 60.0             | 567                     | n.a.            | n.a.    | n.a.          | n.a.                    |
| 1937-38 ..       | 57.4                | 3,023          | 430     | 678                     | 62.2                    | 71.0             | 619                     | 4,562           | 3,481   | 749           | 1,257                   |
| 1938-39 ..       | 60.0                | 3,307          | 374     | 791                     | 59.8                    | 72.3             | 634                     | 4,538           | 3,894   | 730           | 2,458                   |
| 1946-47 ..       | 41.4                | 3,118          | 561     | 1,610                   | 87.3                    | 73.5             | 755                     | 3,629           | 2,264   | 894           | 5,711                   |
| 1947-48 ..       | 48.2                | 3,483          | 1,689   | 1,641                   | 93.1                    | 84.4             | 977                     | 4,438           | 3,309   | 2,532         | 9,362                   |
| 1948-49 ..       | 51.4                | 3,680          | 2,358   | 1,547                   | 98.7                    | 86.0             | 1,103                   | 5,120           | 4,130   | 3,494         | 12,134                  |
| 1949-50 ..       | 50.3                | 3,785          | 3,387   | 1,529                   | 101.9                   | 97.3             | 1,105                   | 5,155           | 3,892   | 2,865         | 13,528                  |
| 1950-51 ..       | 57.4                | 3,918          | 4,230   | 1,771                   | 105.1                   | 102.9            | 1,265                   | 6,251           | 4,613   | 3,733         | 16,994                  |
| 1951-52 ..       | 59.6                | 4,072          | 5,540   | 1,944                   | 116.0                   | 103.1            | 1,373                   | 5,975           | 4,251   | 4,240         | 16,066                  |
| 1952-53 p ..     | 55.8                | 4,793          | 3,809   | 2,032                   | 109.0                   | 119.3            | 1,216                   | 3,886           | 2,859   | 1,883         | 15,145                  |
| Monthly Total—   |                     |                |         |                         |                         |                  |                         |                 |         |               |                         |
| 1951-52—         |                     |                |         |                         |                         |                  | (e)                     |                 |         |               |                         |
| January ..       | 46.5                | 3,097          | 4,783   | 1,305                   | 98.0                    | 69.9             | 1,097                   | 4,627           | 3,304   | 3,203         | 12,743                  |
| February ..      | 63.1                | 4,286          | 5,884   | 2,085                   | 119.3                   | 108.7            | 1,441                   | 5,830           | 4,222   | 4,444         | 17,367                  |
| March ..         | 61.0                | 4,296          | 5,650   | 2,224                   | 118.6                   | 115.0            | 1,435                   | 5,650           | 4,026   | 4,427         | 12,776                  |
| April ..         | 57.1                | 4,366          | 5,267   | 1,822                   | 107.7                   | 103.9            | 1,310                   | 5,070           | 3,149   | 3,605         | 12,020                  |
| May ..           | 64.1                | 4,461          | 5,504   | 2,305                   | 120.9                   | 123.9            | 1,452                   | 5,457           | 3,656   | 3,577         | 11,751                  |
| June ..          | 56.6                | 4,479          | 5,089   | 2,009                   | 116.2                   | 111.5            | 1,365                   | 5,294           | 2,281   | 2,946         | 9,586                   |
| 1952-53 p—       |                     |                |         |                         |                         |                  | r                       |                 |         |               |                         |
| July ..          | 59.9                | 4,874          | 4,652   | 2,077                   | 117.2                   | 100.2            | 1,337                   | 6,037           | 2,762   | 2,420         | 9,632                   |
| August ..        | 53.0                | 4,435          | 4,167   | 2,123                   | 115.7                   | 101.5            | 1,237                   | 4,560           | 2,315   | 1,504         | 8,833                   |
| September ..     | 56.2                | 5,132          | 4,171   | 1,969                   | 107.3                   | 124.0            | 1,322                   | 3,862           | 2,782   | 1,635         | 12,770                  |
| October..        | 57.7                | 5,293          | 4,585   | 2,150                   | 120.6                   | 126.8            | 1,328                   | 4,407           | 2,972   | 2,052         | 18,481                  |
| November         | 53.0                | 4,775          | 4,310   | 2,504                   | 110.2                   | 126.9            | 1,221                   | 3,528           | 3,064   | 1,564         | 22,415                  |
| December         | 46.0                | 4,126          | 3,110   | 1,418                   | 99.6                    | 111.4            | 1,029                   | 3,026           | 2,289   | 1,431         | 21,909                  |
| January ..       | 41.6                | 3,612          | 2,727   | 1,490                   | 89.4                    | 99.7             | 970                     | 2,537           | 2,301   | 1,200         | 17,372                  |
| February         | 55.5                | 4,611          | 3,749   | 2,215                   | 101.5                   | 104.3            | 1,211                   | 3,434           | 3,123   | 1,625         | 18,298                  |
| March ..         | 62.0                | 5,135          | 3,810   | 2,065                   | 108.0                   | 128.4            | 1,301                   | 3,698           | 3,290   | 2,213         | 13,975                  |
| April ..         | 59.6                | 5,026          | 3,625   | 1,920                   | 102.9                   | 135.9            | 1,213                   | 3,746           | 3,125   | 2,310         | 12,109                  |
| May ..           | 60.4                | 5,201          | 3,291   | 2,412                   | 119.9                   | 139.3            | 1,217                   | 4,026           | 3,147   | 2,128         | 13,236                  |
| June ..          | 64.7                | 5,293          | 3,504   | 2,038                   | 116.0                   | 132.9            | 1,200                   | 3,766           | 3,143   | 2,515         | 12,710                  |
| 1953-54 p—       |                     |                |         |                         |                         |                  |                         |                 |         |               |                         |
| July ..          | 68.6                | 5,607          | 3,794   | 2,348                   | 129.3                   | 141.3            | 1,466                   | 4,970           | 3,850   | 2,575         | 17,517                  |
| August ..        | 63.6                | 5,345          | 3,568   | 2,372                   | 116.5                   | 138.8            | 1,419                   | 4,400           | 3,780   | 2,331         | 17,448                  |
| September        | 72.1                | 5,889          | 4,050   | 2,207                   | 125.4                   | 137.2            | 1,471                   | 5,295           | 4,048   | 2,989         | 22,183                  |
| October..        | 70.2                | 5,466          | 3,985   | 2,344                   | 126.7                   | 146.5            | 1,487                   | 4,024           | 4,040   | 2,933         | 28,871                  |
| November         | 67.8                | 5,532          | 4,074   | 2,224                   | 116.9                   | 135.1            | 1,519                   | 3,924           | 3,789   | 3,047         | 30,702                  |
| December         | 60.4                | 4,674          | 3,782   | 1,778                   | 109.4                   | 133.4            | 1,255                   | 3,223           | 3,407   | 2,415         | 31,916                  |
| January          |                     |                | 2,686   | 1,673                   |                         | 118.2            | 1,118                   | 2,491           | 2,439   | 2,308         | 25,350                  |

(a) Includes sawn sleepers.

(b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation.

(e) Partly estimated.

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# PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

| Period.                 | Cotton Textiles. |   | Pure Rayon Fabrics. | Wool Textiles.               |             |                  | Boots and Shoes (not Rubber). |
|-------------------------|------------------|---|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
|                         | Cotton Yarn.     | Cotton Woven Textiles (excl. Towels and Towelling). |                     | Scoured and Carbonized Wool. | Yarn.       | Woven Cloth.     |                               |
|                         | '000 lb.         | '000 sq. yds.                                       | '000 sq. yds.       | Million lb.                  | Million lb. | Million sq. yds. | '00 pair                      |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                  |   |                     |                              |             |                  |                               |
| 1936-37 .. ..           | 730              | n.a.  | n.a.                | 8.4                          | 2.14        | 2.04             | 1,208                         |
| 1937-38 .. ..           | 965              | n.a.  | n.a.                | 7.9                          | 2.51        | 2.47             | 1,176                         |
| 1938-39 .. ..           | 974              | n.a.  | n.a.                | 8.8                          | 2.71        | 2.65             | 1,164                         |
| 1946-47 .. ..           | 2,257            | 2,117   | n.a.                | 15.3                         | 4.13        | 3.18             | 1,306                         |
| 1947-48 .. ..           | 2,368            | 1,960   | 369.2               | 14.8                         | 4.28        | 3.42             | 1,351                         |
| 1948-49 .. ..           | 2,290            | 2,133   | 475.5               | 13.5                         | 4.24        | 3.40             | 1,287                         |
| 1949-50 .. ..           | 2,519            | 2,398   | 548.5               | 14.4                         | 4.09        | 3.11             | 1,284                         |
| 1950-51 .. ..           | 2,938            | 2,537   | 905.0               | 12.7                         | 3.87        | 3.13             | 1,409                         |
| 1951-52 .. ..           | 2,872            | 2,617   | 905.4               | 10.1                         | 3.04        | 2.44             | 1,400                         |
| 1952-53 p .. ..         | 2,266            | 1,986   | 1,287.5             | 10.4                         | 2.93        | 2.40             | r1,335                        |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                  |   |                     |                              |             |                  |                               |
| 1951-52—                |                  |   |                     |                              |             |                  |                               |
| January .. ..           | 2,242            | 1,990   | 781.9               | 8.8                          | 2.04        | 1.79             | 999                           |
| February .. ..          | 2,813            | 2,814   | 937.7               | 9.9                          | 2.64        | 2.46             | 1,391                         |
| March .. ..             | 2,702            | 2,783   | 804.6               | 10.1                         | 2.49        | 2.28             | 1,418                         |
| April .. ..             | 2,541            | 2,601   | 708.8               | 9.3                          | 1.95        | 1.75             | 1,237                         |
| May .. ..               | 2,393            | 2,591   | 790.3               | 10.8                         | 2.31        | 1.89             | 1,406                         |
| June .. ..              | 2,465            | 2,679   | 765.6               | 10.7                         | 2.28        | 1.71             | 1,323                         |
| 1952-53 p—              |                  |   |                     |                              |             |                  |                               |
| July .. ..              | 2,699            | 2,715   | 1,047.6             | 10.3                         | 2.28        | 1.70             | r1,474                        |
| August .. ..            | 2,248            | 1,949   | 1,102.8             | 8.3                          | 2.43        | 1.76             | 1,379                         |
| September .. ..         | 2,389            | 2,041   | 1,100.0             | 7.8                          | 2.53        | 2.05             | r1,402                        |
| October .. ..           | 2,550            | 2,172   | 1,341.9             | 10.0                         | 2.74        | 2.43             | r1,451                        |
| November .. ..          | 2,148            | 1,841   | 1,278.1             | 10.1                         | 2.98        | 2.57             | r1,335                        |
| December .. ..          | 1,784            | 1,552   | 966.7               | 9.7                          | 2.54        | 2.05             | r1,075                        |
| January .. ..           | 1,411            | 1,271   | 901.3               | 8.0                          | 2.00        | 1.74             | r 803                         |
| February .. ..          | 2,097            | 1,855   | 1,308.6             | 10.3                         | 3.25        | 2.81             | r1,312                        |
| March .. ..             | 2,425            | 1,847   | 1,395.9             | 11.6                         | 3.52        | 2.99             | 1,411                         |
| April .. ..             | 2,529            | 2,292   | 1,608.3             | 11.5                         | 3.59        | 2.78             | r1,393                        |
| May .. ..               | 2,319            | 2,036   | 1,820.3             | 11.8                         | 3.76        | 3.02             | r1,481                        |
| June .. ..              | 2,590            | 2,268   | 1,578.8             | 15.6                         | 3.58        | 2.87             | 1,506                         |
| 1953-54 p—              |                  |   |                     |                              |             |                  |                               |
| July .. ..              | 3,012            | 2,513   | 1,781.8             | 12.7                         | 3.72        | 2.80             | 1,629                         |
| August .. ..            | 2,798            | 2,364   | 1,691.5             | 10.9                         | 3.75        | 2.86             | 1,494                         |
| September .. ..         | 3,345            | 2,608   | 1,722.1             | 11.4                         | 3.95        | 2.98             | 1,571                         |
| October .. ..           | 2,961            | 2,565   | 1,886.7             | 11.2                         | 3.86        | 2.91             | 1,526                         |
| November .. ..          | 3,136            | 2,602   | 1,603.0             | 11.1                         | 3.80        | 2.97             | 1,479                         |
| December .. ..          | 2,912            | 2,139   | 1,274.0             | 10.6                         | 3.20        | 2.36             | r1,259                        |
| January .. ..           | 2,214            | 1,678   | 1,245.1             | 8.4                          | 2.41        | 2.05             | 915                           |

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# PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING—continued.

| Period.                 | Hosiery.            |                                   |                     | Underwear.(a)                      |                                      | Shirts,<br>Men's<br>and<br>Boys'. |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                         | Men's and<br>Boys'. | Women's,<br>Maids' and<br>Girls'. | Children's.         | Men's,<br>Youths'<br>and<br>Boys'. | Women's,<br>Maids'<br>and<br>Girls'. |                                   |
|                         | '000 doz.<br>pairs. | '000 doz.<br>pairs.               | '000 doz.<br>pairs. | '000 doz.                          | '000 doz.                            | '000 doz.                         |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                     |                                   |                     |                                    |                                      |                                   |
| 1936-37 .. ..           | 83.1                | 157.1                             | 49.1                |                                    | 191.8                                | (b)60.6                           |
| 1937-38 .. ..           | 86.7                | 183.7                             | 52.0                |                                    | 227.6                                | (b)69.9                           |
| 1938-39 .. ..           | 91.9                | 178.0                             | 51.0                |                                    | 229.2                                | (b)56.2                           |
| 1946-47 .. ..           | 106.4               | 121.6                             | 43.0                |                                    | 234.7                                | (b)59.1                           |
| 1947-48 .. ..           | 105.4               | 130.6                             | 59.8                |                                    | 254.7                                | (b)66.7                           |
| 1948-49 .. ..           | 106.3               | 128.0                             | 58.8                |                                    | 264.0                                | (b)71.3                           |
| 1949-50 .. ..           | 99.3                | 142.4                             | 54.7                |                                    | 294.2                                | (b)73.7                           |
| 1950-51 .. ..           | 128.0               | 154.8                             | 46.9                | 107.7                              | 201.9                                | 89.5                              |
| 1951-52 .. ..           | 121.8               | 155.6                             | 38.9                | 105.6                              | 196.6                                | r96.5                             |
| 1952-53 p .. ..         | 131.3               | 193.7                             | 34.5                | r 92.0                             | r171.5                               | r73.1                             |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                     |                                   |                     |                                    |                                      |                                   |
| 1951-52—                |                     |                                   |                     | (c)                                | (c)                                  |                                   |
| January .. ..           | 72.4                | 110.5                             | 34.0                | 67.6                               | 129.0                                | r58.0                             |
| February .. ..          | 112.5               | 146.0                             | 32.6                | 93.4                               | 196.2                                | 90.1                              |
| March .. ..             | 102.5               | 135.1                             | 32.8                | 90.0                               | 173.3                                | 79.8                              |
| April .. ..             | 86.9                | 117.9                             | 27.6                | 78.0                               | 155.6                                | 77.9                              |
| May .. ..               | 101.0               | 150.1                             | 32.4                | 75.5                               | 169.1                                | 82.1                              |
| June .. ..              | 106.2               | 156.1                             | 33.0                | 78.1                               | 158.2                                | 75.9                              |
| 1952-53 p—              |                     |                                   |                     |                                    | r                                    | r                                 |
| July .. ..              | 120.9               | 183.6                             | 26.1                | r89.5                              | 177.5                                | 88.8                              |
| August .. ..            | 119.1               | 170.9                             | 25.7                | r88.4                              | 154.5                                | 82.6                              |
| September .. ..         | 133.9               | 197.5                             | 35.0                | r90.7                              | 178.3                                | 86.6                              |
| October .. ..           | 152.4               | 211.4                             | 38.0                | 100.0                              | 197.4                                | 97.8                              |
| November .. ..          | 138.1               | 194.1                             | 33.9                | 90.1                               | 184.3                                | 84.4                              |
| December .. ..          | 119.6               | 167.8                             | 29.9                | 82.4                               | 161.9                                | 70.4                              |
| January .. ..           | 85.1                | 120.5                             | 20.3                | 62.7                               | 106.8                                | 34.8                              |
| February .. ..          | 134.9               | 193.3                             | 38.1                | 92.5                               | 165.6                                | 60.8                              |
| March .. ..             | 139.9               | 227.7                             | 42.9                | 100.1                              | 183.2                                | 65.2                              |
| April .. ..             | 142.7               | 212.0                             | 36.0                | 100.3                              | 182.6                                | 62.4                              |
| May .. ..               | 138.2               | 217.7                             | 43.7                | 103.3                              | 183.9                                | 64.3                              |
| June .. ..              | 150.4               | 227.2                             | 44.2                | 104.2                              | 182.8                                | 79.4                              |
| 1953-54 p—              |                     |                                   |                     |                                    |                                      |                                   |
| July .. ..              | 170.6               | 251.6                             | 53.4                | 123.5                              | 227.7                                | r99.9                             |
| August .. ..            | 163.0               | 224.4                             | 51.8                | 112.0                              | 209.6                                | 107.4                             |
| September .. ..         | 183.6               | 249.1                             | 52.6                | 132.2                              | 250.7                                | 119.4                             |
| October .. ..           | 169.6               | 215.1                             | 48.0                | 125.9                              | 239.9                                | 125.7                             |
| November .. ..          | 176.9               | 231.8                             | 46.7                | 128.5                              | 241.4                                | 133.1                             |
| December .. ..          | 148.6               | 208.2                             | 39.4                | 112.3                              | 198.8                                | 107.4                             |
| January .. ..           | 103.8               | 151.6                             | 28.1                | 83.6                               | 150.3                                | 56.2                              |

(a) Total made including that knitted or made of knitted or woven fabric.  
partly estimated from November, 1951, to June, 1952.

(b) Excludes knitted.

(c) Monthly series

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# PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND DRINK.

| Period.                 | Wheaten Flour.   | Refined Sugar. | Whole Milk for All Purposes. | Dairy Products (Factory Production). |         |                                     | Meat (Bone-in Weight).(a) |            |            |                           |            | Beer.      |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|
|                         |                  |                |                              | Butter.                              | Cheese. | Processed Full Cream Milk Products. | Beef (including Veal).    | Mutton.    | Lamb.      | Total Pigmeats (as Pork). | Total. (b) |            |
|                         | '000 short tons. | '000 tons.     | Million gals.                | Tons.                                | Tons.   | '000 gals.(c)                       | '000 tons.                | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons.                | '000 tons. | '000 gals. |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                  |                |                              |                                      |         |                                     |                           |            |            |                           |            |            |
| 1936-37                 | 102.4            | 27.0           | 89.9                         | 13,908                               | 1,636   | n.a.                                | 45.9                      | 16.0       | 9.94       | 7.71                      | 79.6       | 6,261      |
| 1937-38                 | 104.2            | 28.9           | 96.4                         | 15,242                               | 2,018   | n.a.                                | 49.7                      | 17.2       | 9.92       | 7.16                      | 84.0       | 7,084      |
| 1938-39                 | 114.4            | 28.2           | 99.1                         | 16,232                               | 2,415   | 2,781                               | 46.6                      | 17.1       | 9.55       | 7.24                      | 80.5       | 7,523      |
| 1946-47                 | 124.1            | 35.2           | 90.0                         | 11,568                               | 3,518   | 5,871                               | 40.6                      | 15.2       | 10.00      | 7.91                      | 73.8       | 10,657     |
| 1947-48                 | 133.2            | 36.3           | 97.8                         | 13,132                               | 3,453   | 6,509                               | 46.8                      | 13.8       | 10.80      | 7.48                      | 78.9       | 10,561     |
| 1948-49                 | 139.9            | 35.7           | 101.1                        | 13,424                               | 3,596   | 7,304                               | 48.1                      | 15.1       | 11.59      | 7.82                      | 82.6       | 12,171     |
| 1949-50                 | 125.8            | 35.2           | 103.5                        | 14,037                               | 3,731   | 7,464                               | 50.5                      | 17.2       | 12.69      | 7.52                      | 87.9       | 13,009     |
| 1950-51                 | 141.3            | 37.6           | 100.0                        | 13,303                               | 3,692   | 7,069                               | 54.3                      | 13.5       | 9.37       | 7.11                      | 84.3       | 14,397     |
| 1951-52                 | 143.4            | 41.1           | 87.6                         | 10,931                               | 3,382   | 6,360                               | 48.5                      | 14.7       | 8.88       | 7.07                      | 79.1       | 15,398     |
| 1952-53p                | 143.5            | 35.2           | 102.3                        | 13,623                               | 3,898   | 7,160                               | 56.2                      | 20.5       | 12.28      | 7.03                      | 96.0       | 16,592     |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                  |                |                              |                                      |         |                                     |                           |            |            |                           |            |            |
| 1951-52—                |                  |                |                              |                                      |         |                                     |                           |            |            |                           |            |            |
| Jan. ..                 | 148.2            | 39.6           | 96.7                         | 12,377                               | 3,715   | 7,488                               | 40.1                      | 18.3       | 9.88       | 6.35                      | 74.7       | 17,175     |
| Feb. ..                 | 139.4            | 44.7           | 77.9                         | 9,501                                | 2,442   | 5,656                               | 44.7                      | 19.2       | 8.49       | 7.00                      | 79.4       | 16,237     |
| March ..                | 137.5            | 43.0           | 80.6                         | 10,197                               | 2,165   | 4,942                               | 41.7                      | 16.8       | 7.83       | 7.13                      | 73.4       | 16,455     |
| April ..                | 116.0            | 36.0           | 73.8                         | 9,132                                | 1,682   | 4,239                               | 40.0                      | 14.3       | 7.53       | 7.04                      | 68.9       | 15,179     |
| May ..                  | 141.7            | 41.8           | 68.3                         | 8,219                                | 1,565   | 3,516                               | 51.7                      | 15.4       | 7.08       | 7.37                      | 81.5       | 14,831     |
| June ..                 | 132.4            | 38.9           | 64.0                         | 7,449                                | 1,602   | 3,058                               | 56.7                      | 14.6       | 7.15       | 6.19                      | 84.7       | 13,038     |
| 1952-53p—               |                  |                |                              |                                      |         |                                     |                           |            |            |                           |            |            |
| July ..                 | 138.2            | 48.6           | 68.2                         | 7,855                                | 2,226   | 3,537                               | 59.4                      | 15.5       | 8.02       | 6.92                      | 89.8       | 15,355     |
| Aug. ..                 | 139.3            | 42.4           | 84.2                         | 10,316                               | 3,620   | 5,200                               | 52.9                      | 15.6       | 9.12       | 6.51                      | 84.1       | 15,180     |
| Sept. ..                | 135.9            | 42.4           | 113.7                        | 15,126                               | 5,267   | 8,846                               | 51.3                      | 18.7       | 12.20      | 6.87                      | 89.1       | 16,301     |
| Oct. ..                 | 139.1            | 39.1           | 140.3                        | 19,314                               | 6,865   | 12,048                              | 55.8                      | 22.9       | 21.66      | 7.28                      | 107.7      | 16,817     |
| Nov. ..                 | 139.2            | 30.2           | 142.3                        | 19,452                               | 6,952   | 13,282                              | 50.1                      | 21.3       | 22.61      | 7.16                      | 101.3      | 13,876     |
| Dec. ..                 | 125.2            | 26.2           | 140.6                        | 19,522                               | 6,322   | 12,502                              | 53.3                      | 24.7       | 18.79      | 9.43                      | 106.3      | 19,096     |
| Jan. ..                 | 144.8            | 28.3           | 121.9                        | 16,895                               | 4,889   | 9,384                               | 48.4                      | 24.4       | 10.88      | 6.26                      | 90.0       | 18,740     |
| Feb. ..                 | 142.5            | 32.3           | 106.8                        | 15,045                               | 3,299   | 6,854                               | 49.3                      | 24.4       | 9.02       | 6.09                      | 88.8       | 16,790     |
| Mar. ..                 | 148.0            | 36.2           | 100.2                        | 14,056                               | 2,624   | 5,403                               | 56.2                      | 23.4       | 9.48       | 7.22                      | 96.3       | 18,374     |
| Apr. ..                 | 141.1            | 32.7           | 79.2                         | 10,435                               | 1,745   | 3,550                               | 56.4                      | 19.9       | 9.15       | 7.04                      | 92.6       | 16,463     |
| May ..                  | 164.7            | 31.9           | 68.0                         | 8,283                                | 1,478   | 2,734                               | 67.6                      | 17.9       | 8.45       | 6.95                      | 100.9      | 16,173     |
| June ..                 | 162.7            | 31.6           | 62.4                         | 7,177                                | 1,483   | 2,576                               | 73.6                      | 17.0       | 7.69       | 6.67                      | 105.0      | 15,937     |
| 1953-54p—               |                  |                |                              |                                      |         |                                     |                           |            |            |                           |            |            |
| July ..                 | 170.7            | 37.0           | 62.9                         | 6,951                                | 1,986   | 3,096                               | 70.7                      | 15.8       | 7.63       | 7.44                      | 101.5      | 14,658     |
| Aug. ..                 | 149.6            | 38.4           | 77.1                         | 8,919                                | 3,327   | 5,136                               | 66.3                      | 15.2       | 7.53       | 6.55                      | 95.6       | 15,339     |
| Sept. ..                | 141.5            | 37.7           | 102.2                        | 12,798                               | 5,397   | 7,730                               | 59.0                      | 14.6       | 10.08      | 6.29                      | 90.0       | 17,034     |
| Oct. ..                 | 134.0            | 36.0           | 131.2                        | 17,504                               | 7,372   | 9,984                               | 55.9                      | 18.3       | 14.81      | 6.90                      | 95.9       | 18,141     |
| Nov. ..                 | 140.1            | 38.5           | 141.8                        | 19,664                               | 7,392   | 10,381                              | 50.8                      | 23.2       | 18.42      | 7.80                      | 100.2      | 19,238     |
| Dec. ..                 | 118.8            | 37.6           | 134.8                        | 18,606                               | 6,645   | 9,677                               | 50.2                      | 23.7       | 15.51      | 9.22                      | 98.7       | 21,596     |
| Jan. ..                 | 121.5            |                | 121.6                        | 17,051                               | 5,093   | 7,520                               | 47.0                      | 22.3       | 11.25      | 5.71                      | 86.3       | 19,962     |

(a) Includes monthly estimates of production in Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.  
(c) Whole milk equivalent.

(b) In terms of fresh meat.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, see page 1.



# PRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

| Period.                 | Tobacco,<br>Cigars and<br>Cigarettes.<br>(a) | Chemicals and Allied Products. |                      |                           |                                  |  | Motor Bodies.            |                              |            | Pneumatic<br>Tyres—<br>Motor<br>Cycle,<br>Car,<br>Truck,<br>Aero, &c. |
|-------------------------|--|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------|---|
|                         |  | Sulphuric<br>Acid<br>(100%).   | Super-<br>phosphate. | Paints.                   |                                  |  | Sedans<br>and<br>Coupes. | Tourers<br>and<br>Roadsters. | Utilities. |   |
|                         |  |                                |                      | Ready-<br>Mixed<br>Paint. | Lacquers<br>Nitro-<br>Cellulose. | Enamels<br>and<br>Synthetic<br>Finishes. |                          |                              |            |   |
|                         |  | '000<br>tons.                  | '000<br>tons.        | '000<br>gals.             | '000<br>gals.                    | '000<br>gals.                            | No.                      | No.                          | No.        | '000.   |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |  |                                |                      |                           |                                  |  |                          |                              |            |   |
| 1936-37 .. ..           | 1,805  | 36.4                           | 90.9                 | 161                       | n.a.                             | n.a.                                     | 3,660                    | 478                          | 610        | n.a.  |
| 1937-38 .. ..           | 1,904  | 41.3                           | 102.8                | 170                       | 60                               | 39                                       | 4,032                    | 804                          | 518        | n.a.  |
| 1938-39 .. ..           | 1,939  | 40.8                           | 100.0                | 176                       | 48                               | 48                                       | 3,426                    | 816                          | 715        | n.a.  |
|                         |  |                                |                      |                           |                                  |  |                          |                              |            |   |
| 1946-47 .. ..           | 2,534  | 38.3                           | 97.5                 | 233                       | 63                               | 94                                       | 1,199                    | 496                          | 528        | 141   |
| 1947-48 .. ..           | 2,502  | 40.4                           | 98.8                 | 291                       | 74                               | 116                                      | 1,874                    | 536                          | 786        | 142   |
| 1948-49 .. ..           | 2,427  | 48.8                           | 118.6                | 308                       | 69                               | 143                                      | 2,131                    | 487                          | 799        | 143   |
| 1949-50 .. ..           | 2,558  | 51.0                           | 123.6                | 330                       | 78                               | 186                                      | 2,347                    | 333                          | 1,174      | 164   |
| 1950-51 .. ..           | 2,652  | 53.3                           | 129.0                | 466                       | 96                               | 157                                      | 3,036                    | 387                          | 1,853      | 187   |
| 1951-52 .. ..           | 2,795  | 54.2                           | 133.1                | 459                       | 99                               | 174                                      | 3,486                    | 390                          | 1,865      | 213   |
|                         |  |                                |                      |                           |                                  |  |                          |                              |            |   |
| 1952-53 p.. ..          | 3,018  | 52.4                           | 131.8                | 355                       | 83                               | 177                                      | 3,875                    |                              | 1,707      | 141   |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |  |                                |                      |                           |                                  |  |                          |                              |            |   |
| 1951-52—                |  |                                |                      |                           |                                  |  |                          |                              |            |   |
| January .. ..           | 2,510  | 58.7                           | 150.7                | 347                       | 88                               | 151                                      | 2,162                    | (b)                          | 1,484      | 175   |
| February .. ..          | 2,655  | 49.5                           | 128.7                | 447                       | 101                              | 170                                      | 3,835                    | (b)                          | 1,955      | 228   |
| March .. ..             | 3,071  | 57.6                           | 136.6                | 406                       | 107                              | 165                                      | 3,564                    | (b)                          | 1,663      | 245   |
| April .. ..             | 2,704  | 61.0                           | 152.1                | 368                       | 89                               | 144                                      | 3,512                    | 158                          | 1,500      | 208   |
| May .. ..               | 2,982  | 54.0                           | 127.1                | 386                       | 92                               | 153                                      | 4,226                    | (b)                          | 1,934      | 244   |
| June .. ..              | 2,353  | 49.8                           | 132.7                | r316                      | 77                               | 132                                      | 3,713                    | (b)                          | 1,720      | 203   |
|                         |  |                                |                      |                           |                                  |  |                          |                              |            |   |
| 1952-53 p—              |  |                                |                      |                           |                                  |  |                          |                              |            |   |
| July .. ..              | 2,933  | 49.6                           | 123.4                | 274                       | 76                               | 146                                      | 3,956                    |                              | 1,752      | 214   |
| August .. ..            | 2,840  | 47.6                           | 115.8                | 267                       | 71                               | 128                                      | 3,467                    |                              | 1,560      | 160   |
| September .. ..         | 2,860  | 51.4                           | 121.2                | 308                       | 68                               | 161                                      | 3,579                    |                              | 1,564      | 115   |
| October .. ..           | 3,208  | 54.2                           | 143.1                | 394                       | 73                               | r160                                     | 4,036                    |                              | 1,688      | 131   |
| November .. ..          | 3,068  | 45.9                           | 111.4                | 364                       | 79                               | 183                                      | 3,999                    |                              | 1,455      | 100   |
| December .. ..          | 2,872  | 51.9                           | 135.8                | 335                       | 72                               | 169                                      | 3,864                    |                              | 1,430      | 76  |
| January .. ..           | 2,714  | 43.5                           | 111.0                | 313                       | 62                               | 146                                      | 2,421                    |                              | 1,083      | 86  |
|                         |  |                                |                      |                           |                                  |  |                          |                              |            |   |
| February .. ..          | 3,157  | 48.4                           | 119.4                | 399                       | 96                               | r192                                     | 4,063                    |                              | 1,884      | 130   |
| March .. ..             | 3,314  | 58.0                           | 144.5                | 444                       | 112                              | 217                                      | 4,753                    |                              | 2,159      | 167   |
| April .. ..             | 3,039  | 60.2                           | 160.4                | 392                       | 93                               | r195                                     | 4,058                    |                              | 2,119      | 148   |
| May .. ..               | 3,169  | 57.5                           | 148.8                | 397                       | 107                              | 217                                      | 4,007                    |                              | 1,910      | 163   |
| June .. ..              | 3,037  | 60.5                           | 146.6                | 373                       | 91                               | r217                                     | 4,299                    |                              | 1,880      | 202   |
|                         |  |                                |                      |                           |                                  |  |                          |                              |            |   |
| 1953-54 p—              |  |                                |                      |                           |                                  |  |                          |                              |            |   |
| July .. ..              | 3,350  | 55.7                           | 134.0                | 428                       | 105                              | 224                                      | 5,460                    |                              | 2,263      | 240   |
| August .. ..            | 2,840  | 55.7                           | 126.5                | 397                       | 100                              | 205                                      | 5,572                    |                              | 2,148      | 221   |
| September .. ..         | 3,582  | 57.4                           | 147.5                | 447                       | 109                              | 239                                      | 5,599                    |                              | 2,455      | 251   |
| October .. ..           | 3,500  | 58.3                           | 133.4                | 426                       | 115                              | 248                                      | 5,466                    |                              | 2,262      | 244   |
| November .. ..          | 3,750  | 53.3                           | 122.3                | 428                       | 113                              | 254                                      | 5,189                    |                              | 2,408      | 245   |
| December .. ..          | 3,247  | 61.2                           | 151.2                | 425                       | 97                               | 216                                      | 4,847                    |                              | 1,933      | 210   |
| January .. ..           | 2,952  | 60.7                           | 143.2                | 343                       | 82                               | 170                                      | 3,570                    |                              | 1,254      | 159   |

(a) Details for 1950-51 and earlier periods refer to Australian factory production; 1951-52 and later figures to quantity on which excise duty was paid. (b) Not available for publication.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, p, see page 1.

# INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas, but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source : *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

(Base : 1948 = 100.)

| Period.      | Belgium.<br>(a) | Canada.<br>(b) | Denmark.<br>(b) | France.<br>(b) | Italy. | Japan. | Nether-<br>lands. | Norway.<br>(b) | Sweden.<br>(b) | United<br>King-<br>dom.<br>(c) | U.S.A.<br>(b) (d) |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------|--------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1937 ..      | 102             | 55             | n.a.            | 98             | 102    | 192    | 88                | n.a.           | 67             | 91                             | 59                |
| 1938 ..      | 82              | 52             | n.a.            | 90             | 101    | 210    | 89                | 81             | 67             | 86                             | 46                |
| 1939 ..      | 87              | 56             | n.a.            | n.a.           | n.a.   | n.a.   | 98                | 86             | 73             | n.a.                           | 56                |
| 1947 ..      | 93              | 96             | n.a.            | 86             | 96     | n.a.   | 83                | 90             | 94             | n.a.                           | 96                |
| 1948 ..      | 100             | 100            | 100             | 100            | 100    | 100    | 100               | 100            | 100            | 100                            | 100               |
| 1949 ..      | 100             | 102            | 106             | 110            | 110    | 124    | 112               | 110            | 104            | 106                            | 93                |
| 1950 ..      | 102             | 108            | 119             | 111            | 127    | 142    | 123               | 124            | 108            | 114                            | 108               |
| 1951 ..      | 118             | 115            | 121             | 125            | 144    | 193    | 128               | 133            | r113           | 117                            | 115               |
| 1952 ..      | 114             | 119            | r117            | 131            | r147   | 213    | 130               | 133            | 110            | 114                            | 119               |
| 1953 ..      | ..              | 127            | 119             | 126            | ..     | 250    | 144               | 139            | 110            | 120                            | 129               |
| 1952—        |                 |                |                 |                |        |        |                   |                |                |                                |                   |
| January ..   | 116             | 108            | 114             | 136            | 146    | r192   | 130               | 137            | 112            | 117                            | 114               |
| February ..  | 116             | 111            | 117             | 137            | 139    | r202   | 124               | 155            | 113            | 120                            | 118               |
| March ..     | 115             | 113            | 120             | 137            | 144    | r205   | 127               | 143            | 116            | 123                            | 118               |
| April ..     | 115             | 117            | 120             | 136            | 143    | r203   | 123               | 126            | 117            | 110                            | 115               |
| May ..       | 115             | 120            | 120             | 133            | 153    | r205   | 126               | 128            | 116            | 117                            | 113               |
| June ..      | 113             | 121            | 118             | 132            | 144    | r208   | 122               | 138            | 115            | 112                            | 113               |
| July ..      | 101             | 116            | 85              | 123            | 152    | 214    | 128               | 94             | 70             | 102                            | 104               |
| August ..    | 106             | 119            | 116             | 105            | 119    | 216    | 123               | 127            | 104            | 98                             | 118               |
| September .. | 115             | 124            | 122             | 128            | 154    | 224    | 139               | 138            | 113            | 116                            | 126               |
| October ..   | 119             | 126            | r123            | 133            | 162    | 222    | 147               | 142            | 117            | r119                           | 129               |
| November ..  | 120             | 126            | 122             | 134            | 150    | 215    | 138               | 146            | 116            | 123                            | 129               |
| December ..  | 113             | 120            | 117             | 131            | 152    | 226    | 135               | 128            | 116            | 112                            | 126               |
| 1953—        |                 |                |                 |                |        |        |                   |                |                |                                |                   |
| January ..   | 110             | 118            | 115             | 130            | 150    | 210    | 138               | 129            | 111            | 118                            | 127               |
| February ..  | 111             | 123            | 120             | 131            | 143    | 218    | 127               | 157            | 113            | 122                            | 131               |
| March ..     | 113             | 126            | 124             | 131            | 160    | 247    | 144               | 150            | 116            | 124                            | 133               |
| April ..     | 116             | 120            | 121             | 131            | 156    | 248    | 140               | 129            | 119            | 118                            | 131               |
| May ..       | 116             | 130            | 122             | 133            | 161    | 249    | 136               | 132            | 115            | 123                            | 131               |
| June ..      | 114             | 131            | 122             | 132            | 157    | 252    | 145               | 146            | 117            | 118                            | 131               |
| July ..      | 105             | 126            | 85              | 118            | 172    | 250    | 142               | 99             | 60             | 110                            | 124               |
| August ..    | 113             | 127            | 121             | r93            | 136    | 251    | 142               | 137            | 109            | 106                            | 131               |
| September .. | 117             | 131            | 130             | 124            | 167    | 259    | 153               | 149            | 115            | 125                            | 130               |
| October ..   | r117            | 130            | 128             | r128           | 180    | 264    | r161              | 148            | 121            | r130                           | 131               |
| November ..  | 120             | 128            | 128             | r131           | 173    | 271    | r151              | 152            | r120           | 132                            | r125              |
| December ..  | ..              | 121            | 119             | 135            | ..     | 281    | 152               | 137            | 119            | 120                            | r120              |
| 1954—        |                 |                |                 |                |        |        |                   |                |                |                                |                   |
| January ..   | ..              | ..             | ..              | ..             | ..     | ..     | ..                | ..             | ..             | ..                             | 119               |

(a) Adjusted for seasonal variations and for number of working days.

(b) Adjusted for number of working days.

(c) Partially adjusted for number of working days. Includes construction.

(d) Excludes electricity and manufactured gas.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, see page 1.

# MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Defence Service Vehicles.)

| Period.           | Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period. |                             |               | New Motor Vehicles Registered during period. (a) |                             |               |
|-------------------|--|-----------------------------|---------------|--|-----------------------------|---------------|
|                   | Motor Cars.(b)                               | Commercial Vehicles, &c.(b) | Motor Cycles. | Motor Cars. (b)                                  | Commercial Vehicles, &c.(b) | Motor Cycles. |
|                   | '000.  | '000.                       | '000.         |  |                             |               |
| Monthly Averages. |  |                             |               |  |                             |               |
| 1936-37 .. ..     | 499  | 214                         | 78            | 4,049  | 2,016                       | 623           |
| 1937-38 .. ..     | 535  | 242                         | 80            | 4,594  | 2,283                       | 694           |
| 1938-39(a) .. ..  | 562  | 258                         | 79            | 4,509  | 2,077                       | 614           |
| 1946-47 .. ..     | 550  | 376                         | 87            | 1,770  | 1,360                       | 685           |
| 1947-48 .. ..     | 593  | 414                         | 100           | 3,562  | 2,397                       | 1,192         |
| 1948-49 .. ..     | 655  | 452                         | 117           | 5,539  | 3,056                       | 1,852         |
| 1949-50 .. ..     | 768  | 502                         | 134           | 9,584  | 4,829                       | 2,232         |
| 1950-51 .. ..     | 883  | 551                         | 146           | 10,639   | 6,494                       | 2,263         |
| 1951-52 .. ..     | 1,032  | 583                         | 155           | 10,443   | 6,122                       | 1,846         |
| 1952-53 .. ..     | 1,109  | 582                         | 148           | 7,748  | 4,362                       | 941           |
| Monthly Totals.   |  |                             |               |  |                             |               |
| 1951-52—          |  |                             |               |  |                             |               |
| February .. ..    | 986  | 582                         | 154           | 9,637  | 5,301                       | 1,574         |
| March .. ..       | 995  | 581                         | 154           | 10,996   | 5,879                       | 1,774         |
| April .. ..       | 1,005  | 581                         | 154           | 10,152   | 5,407                       | 1,381         |
| May .. ..         | 1,021  | 583                         | 154           | 9,670  | 5,643                       | 1,163         |
| June .. ..        | 1,032  | 583                         | 155           | 7,772  | 5,069                       | 900           |
| 1952-53—          |  |                             |               |  |                             |               |
| July .. ..        | 1,044  | 582                         | 154           | 7,634  | 4,737                       | 941           |
| August .. ..      | 1,043  | 574                         | 152           | 6,598  | 4,014                       | 918           |
| September .. ..   | 1,052  | 571                         | 151           | 7,174  | 4,080                       | 970           |
| October .. ..     | 1,061  | 569                         | 151           | 9,047  | 4,464                       | 1,114         |
| November .. ..    | 1,069  | 570                         | 151           | 8,794  | 4,353                       | 984           |
| December .. ..    | 1,085  | 575                         | 152           | 9,314  | 4,619                       | 1,147         |
| January .. ..     | 1,083  | 570                         | 150           | 5,943  | 3,110                       | 936           |
| February .. ..    | 1,085  | 572                         | 150           | 7,317  | 4,005                       | 910           |
| March .. ..       | 1,093  | 575                         | 150           | 8,352  | 4,641                       | 996           |
| April .. ..       | 1,100  | 577                         | 150           | 7,496  | 4,592                       | 867           |
| May .. ..         | 1,105  | 579                         | 149           | 7,902  | 4,867                       | 809           |
| June .. ..        | 1,109  | 582                         | 148           | 7,407  | 4,861                       | 697           |
| 1953-54—          |  |                             |               |  |                             |               |
| July .. ..        | 1,115  | 583                         | 147           | 9,595  | 5,486                       | 782           |
| August .. ..      | 1,122  | 586                         | 146           | 8,450  | 4,677                       | 745           |
| September .. ..   | 1,130  | 589                         | 145           | 10,544   | 4,820                       | 853           |
| October .. ..     | 1,137  | 590                         | 144           | 10,731   | 4,662                       | 971           |
| November .. ..    | 1,143  | 593                         | 144           | 10,524   | 4,947                       | 1,015         |
| December .. ..    | 1,146  | 593                         | 144           | r11,228  | r5,083                      | r1,020        |
| January .. ..     |  |                             |               | p8,200   | p3,800                      | p900          |
| February .. ..    |  |                             |               | p8,600   | p3,800                      | p920          |

(a) Excludes Northern Territory prior to July, 1953; also extra-Metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39  
(b) Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' vehicles registered in Victoria included private cars and commercial vehicles, and were included in commercial vehicle registrations. Since that date, only vehicles constructed for the carriage of goods and used by primary producers solely in connexion with their business are so registered.

For meaning of symbols r, p, —, see page 1.

# GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS : FREIGHT, PASSENGERS AND REVENUE.

The following table shows statistics of freight and passengers carried and of revenue earned on the five Mainland State Railways to the end of June, 1947. From July, 1947, particulars relate to all State and Commonwealth Railway Systems, Tasmania, however, still being excluded in respect of particulars of freight.

The daily average number of passenger-journeys is obtained by dividing the monthly totals by the *total* number of days in the month.

| Period.         | Freight Carried.               |                       | Average Daily Passenger-journeys. | Monthly Revenue. |         |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------|
|                 | Net Ton-miles (Daily Average). | Average haul per ton. |                                   | Gross.           | Net.    |
|                 | '000.                          | Miles.                | '000.                             | £'000.           | £'000.  |
| 1936-37 .. ..   | 12,820                         | 125.9                 | 1,028                             | 3,407            | 886     |
| 1937-38 .. ..   | 13,976                         | 125.0                 | 1,048                             | 3,632            | 886     |
| 1938-39 .. ..   | 13,085                         | 127.0                 | 1,048                             | 3,580            | 694     |
|                 | (a)                            | (a)                   |                                   |                  |         |
| 1946-47 .. ..   | 17,406                         | 148.4                 | 1,368                             | 5,303            | 427     |
| 1947-48 .. ..   | (b)18,510                      | (b)144.4              | 1,395                             | 6,376            | 443     |
| 1948-49 .. ..   | (b)19,317                      | (b)146.2              | 1,381                             | 7,174            | 89      |
| 1949-50 .. ..   | (b)19,181                      | (b)148.8              | 1,377                             | 7,702            | — 184   |
| 1950-51 .. ..   | (b)19,462                      | (b)148.6              | 1,300                             | 8,834            | — 569   |
| 1951-52 .. ..   | (b)20,342                      | (b)145.7              | 1,367                             | 11,668           | — 602   |
| 1952-53 .. ..   | (b)18,766                      | (b)136.4              | 1,364                             | 12,892           | — 517   |
| 1952-53—        | (b)                            | (b)                   |                                   |                  | (c)     |
| October .. ..   | 19,325                         | 134.6                 | 1,266                             | 13,889           | 394     |
| November .. ..  | 19,435                         | 134.5                 | 1,344                             | 12,710           | — 1,758 |
| December .. ..  | 18,315                         | 139.4                 | 1,340                             | 13,123           | — 418   |
| January .. ..   | 15,897                         | 126.7                 | 1,271                             | 12,540           | 882     |
| February .. ..  | 19,122                         | 134.7                 | 1,429                             | 11,492           | — 997   |
| March .. ..     | 19,940                         | 142.5                 | 1,388                             | 13,325           | — 275   |
| April .. ..     | 18,743                         | 141.2                 | 1,388                             | 13,195           | 611     |
| May .. ..       | 19,507                         | 142.8                 | 1,349                             | 13,085           | — 1,016 |
| June .. ..      | 18,570                         | 139.2                 | 1,503                             | 13,486           | — 1,672 |
| 1953-54—        |                                |                       |                                   |                  |         |
| July .. ..      | 20,453                         | 131.2                 | 1,334                             | 14,062           | 669     |
| August .. ..    | 20,331                         | 138.4                 | 1,422                             | 13,947           | 561     |
| September .. .. | 19,908                         |                       | 1,376                             | 14,387           | 1,363   |

(a) Excludes Uniform Gauge Railway. (b) Excludes Tasmania. (c) These figures do not present satisfactory monthly comparisons, because of the periodical inclusion in expenditure of amounts to be set aside for special purposes. Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

## MAINLAND STATE RAILWAYS : GROSS REVENUE.(a)

(£'000.)

| Period.                     | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Total.  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|---------|
| 1951-52 .. ..               | 67,308           | 24,375    | 22,407      | 9,418            | 9,216              | 132,724 |
| 1952-53 .. ..               | 73,932           | 31,666    | 24,835      | 11,616           | 7,934              | 149,983 |
| July, 1952-January, 1953 .. | 43,272           | 16,860    | 14,984      | 6,714            | 3,959              | 85,789  |
| July, 1953-January, 1954 .. | 42,389           | 19,610    | 17,808      |                  | 6,203              |         |

(a) From monthly statements issued by each Treasury. These figures are on a cash basis and differ slightly from the corresponding figures in the table above, which are on an income and expenditure basis. Exclude Treasury transfers.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

# INTERSTATE SHIPPING CARGOES.

('000.)

| Period.               | Tons (weight and measurement combined) shipped from— |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
|-----------------------|--|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------|
|                       | New South Wales.                                     | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. (a) |
| <b>Monthly</b>        |  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| <b>Average—</b>       |  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| 1936-37 ..            | 284  | 92        | 39          | 184              | 8                  | 68        | 675            |
| 1937-38 ..            | 309  | 101       | 37          | 212              | 8                  | 75        | 742            |
| 1938-39 ..            | 284  | 94        | 39          | 241              | 10                 | 78        | 746            |
| 1946-47 ..            | 283  | 72        | 46          | 234              | 17                 | 55        | 707            |
| 1947-48 ..            | 293  | 64        | 46          | 216              | 14                 | 53        | 692            |
| 1948-49 ..            | 287  | 59        | 43          | 167              | 11                 | 50        | 617            |
| 1949-50 ..            | 258  | 58        | 40          | 215              | 12                 | 51        | 635            |
| 1950-51 ..            | 259  | 57        | 46          | 242              | 12                 | 55        | 671            |
| 1951-52 ..            | 312  | 62        | 54          | 256              | 17                 | 50        | 752            |
| 1952-53 ..            | 316  | 56        | 61          | 264              | 61                 | 52        | 810            |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b> |  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| 1951-52—              |  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| January ..            | 296  | 54        | 61          | 265              | 20                 | 58        | 754            |
| February ..           | 287  | 59        | 69          | 244              | 14                 | 57        | 731            |
| March ..              | 292  | 64        | 58          | 280              | 6                  | 64        | 764            |
| April ..              | 274  | 45        | 33          | 245              | 12                 | 44        | 653            |
| May ..                | 338  | 62        | 58          | 263              | 22                 | 48        | 791            |
| June ..               | 292  | 66        | 36          | 226              | 37                 | 44        | 701            |
| 1952-53—              |  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| July ..               | 378  | 55        | 94          | 287              | 26                 | 65        | 905            |
| August ..             | 369  | 63        | 83          | 335              | 16                 | 57        | 924            |
| September..           | 347  | 58        | 63          | 266              | 34                 | 55        | 823            |
| October ..            | 419  | 57        | 59          | 303              | 49                 | 58        | 945            |
| November..            | 339  | 54        | 89          | 244              | 56                 | 51        | 834            |
| December..            | 281  | 52        | 51          | 235              | 75                 | 33        | 729            |
| January ..            | 242  | 44        | 40          | 275              | 64                 | 44        | 709            |
| February ..           | 287  | 55        | 59          | 245              | 85                 | 43        | 775            |
| March ..              | 327  | 46        | 57          | 268              | 70                 | 54        | 822            |
| April ..              | 259  | 56        | 44          | 242              | 78                 | 53        | 732            |
| May ..                | 293  | 65        | 48          | 255              | 86                 | 56        | 803            |
| June ..               | 249  | 60        | 46          | 209              | 87                 | 55        | 708            |
| 1953-54—              |  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| July ..               | 377  | 76        | 55          | r279             | 87                 | r63       | r938           |
| August ..             | 348  | 63        | 37          | r333             | 81                 | 51        | r913           |
| September..           | 372  | 63        | 60          | r274             | 58                 | 48        | r875           |
| October ..            | 432  | 74        | 54          | r282             | r53                | 53        | r948           |
| November..            | 353  | 64        | 35          | r308             | 46                 | 51        | r857           |
| December ..           | 294  | r64       | r49         | r269             | r72                | r47       | r795           |
| January ..            | 321  | 46        | 42          | 317              | 56                 | 38        | 821            |

(a) Includes Northern Territory.  
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# OVERSEA SHIPPING CARGOES.

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| Period.                 | Discharged.  |               |                          | Shipped.     |               |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------------|
|                         | Tons Weight. | Tons Measure. | Total<br>(Tons W and M). | Tons Weight. | Tons Measure. | Total<br>(Tons W and M). |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |              |               |                          |              |               |                          |
| 1936-37 .. ..           | 304          | 169           | 473                      | 419          | 78            | 497                      |
| 1937-38 .. ..           | 364          | 190           | 554                      | 478          | 91            | 569                      |
| 1938-39 .. ..           | 350          | 183           | 533                      | 428          | 91            | 519                      |
| 1946-47 .. ..           | 348          | 116           | 464                      | 259          | 112           | 371                      |
| 1947-48 .. ..           | 415          | 160           | 575                      | 374          | 104           | 478                      |
| 1948-49 .. ..           | 488          | 214           | 702                      | 452          | 114           | 566                      |
| 1949-50 .. ..           | 641          | 298           | 939                      | 422          | 116           | 538                      |
| 1950-51 .. ..           | 757          | 333           | 1,090                    | 450          | 108           | 558                      |
| 1951-52 .. ..           | 810          | 391           | 1,201                    | 374          | 103           | 477                      |
| 1952-53 .. ..           | 644          | 161           | 805                      | 504          | 121           | 625                      |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |              |               |                          |              |               |                          |
| 1951-52—                |              |               |                          |              |               |                          |
| January .. ..           | 906          | 530           | 1,436                    | 319          | 76            | 395                      |
| February .. ..          | 741          | 446           | 1,187                    | 376          | 76            | 452                      |
| March .. ..             | 823          | 436           | 1,259                    | 386          | 134           | 520                      |
| April .. ..             | 783          | 407           | 1,190                    | 399          | 126           | 525                      |
| May .. ..               | 816          | 255           | 1,071                    | 345          | 130           | 475                      |
| June .. ..              | 744          | 196           | 940                      | 322          | 139           | 461                      |
| 1952-53—                |              |               |                          |              |               |                          |
| July .. ..              | 727          | 169           | 896                      | 402          | 119           | 521                      |
| August .. ..            | 714          | 168           | 882                      | 366          | 113           | 479                      |
| September .. ..         | 810          | 128           | 938                      | 366          | 154           | 520                      |
| October .. ..           | 639          | 163           | 802                      | 498          | 118           | 616                      |
| November .. ..          | 597          | 134           | 731                      | 449          | 121           | 570                      |
| December .. ..          | 690          | 167           | 857                      | 476          | 98            | 574                      |
| January .. ..           | 572          | 178           | 750                      | 447          | 86            | 533                      |
| February .. ..          | 476          | 130           | 606                      | 485          | 94            | 579                      |
| March .. ..             | 549          | 182           | 731                      | 625          | 144           | 769                      |
| April .. ..             | 651          | 143           | 794                      | 594          | 150           | 744                      |
| May .. ..               | 681          | 168           | 849                      | 672          | 151           | 823                      |
| June .. ..              | 625          | 197           | 822                      | 668          | 107           | 775                      |
| 1953-54—                |              |               |                          |              |               |                          |
| July .. ..              | 621          | 194           | 815                      | 683          | 116           | 799                      |
| August .. ..            | 699          | 248           | 947                      | 472          | 110           | 582                      |
| September .. ..         | 652          | 207           | 859                      | 498          | 91            | 589                      |
| October .. ..           | 748          | 198           | 946                      | 559          | 107           | 666                      |
| November .. ..          | 716          | 258           | 974                      | 509          | 87            | 596                      |
| December .. ..          | r611         | 213           | r824                     | r440         | 98            | r538                     |
| January .. ..           | 729          | 264           | 993                      | 360          | 61            | 421                      |

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# POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

| Period.           |    |    |    | Receipts of P.M.G.'s<br>Department.(a) | Broadcast Listeners'<br>Licences in force at<br>end of period.(b) | Telephone Services connected at end of<br>period. |              |
|-------------------|----|----|----|--|---|---|--------------|
|                   |    |    |    |  |   | Lines.  | Instruments. |
|                   |    |    |    | £'000.                                 | '000.   | '000.   | '000.        |
| Monthly Averages. |    |    |    |  |   |   |              |
| 1936-37           | .. | .. | .. | 1,318                                  | 938   | 440   | 595          |
| 1937-38           | .. | .. | .. | 1,396                                  | 1,056   | 465   | 630          |
| 1938-39           | .. | .. | .. | 1,447                                  | 1,130   | 488   | 662          |
| 1946-47           | .. | .. | .. | 2,484                                  | 1,771   | 648   | 905          |
| 1947-48           | .. | .. | .. | 2,616                                  | 1,833   | 688   | 963          |
| 1948-49           | .. | .. | .. | 2,776                                  | 1,919   | 734   | 1,028        |
| 1949-50           | .. | .. | .. | 3,196                                  | 2,030   | 793   | 1,110        |
| 1950-51           | .. | .. | .. | 3,732                                  | (c)2,110  | 864   | 1,209        |
| 1951-52           | .. | .. | .. | 4,948                                  | 1,961   | 927   | 1,301        |
| 1952-53           | .. | .. | .. | 5,367                                  | 1,986   | 985   | 1,384        |
| Monthly Totals.   |    |    |    |  |   |   |              |
| 1951-52—          |    |    |    |  |   |   |              |
| February          | .. | .. | .. | 5,023                                  | 1,991   | 909   | 1,274        |
| March             | .. | .. | .. | 4,940                                  | 1,985   | 914   | 1,280        |
| April             | .. | .. | .. | 4,834                                  | 1,981   | 918   | 1,287        |
| May               | .. | .. | .. | 5,798                                  | 1,973   | 923   | 1,294        |
| June              | .. | .. | .. | 5,657                                  | 1,961   | 927   | 1,301        |
| 1952-53—          |    |    |    |  |   |   |              |
| July              | .. | .. | .. | 5,334                                  | 1,900   | 932   | 1,308        |
| August            | .. | .. | .. | 5,121                                  | 1,898   | 937   | 1,315        |
| September         | .. | .. | .. | 5,382                                  | 1,904   | 942   | 1,323        |
| October           | .. | .. | .. | 5,702                                  | 1,923   | 947   | 1,330        |
| November          | .. | .. | .. | 5,030                                  | 1,969   | 952   | 1,337        |
| December          | .. | .. | .. | 5,898                                  | 1,983   | 957   | 1,343        |
| January           | .. | .. | .. | 4,866                                  | 1,990   | 961   | 1,349        |
| February          | .. | .. | .. | 5,126                                  | 1,983   | 966   | 1,355        |
| March             | .. | .. | .. | 5,605                                  | 1,989   | 971   | 1,362        |
| April             | .. | .. | .. | 5,275                                  | 1,994   | 975   | 1,369        |
| May               | .. | .. | .. | 5,384                                  | 1,987   | 980   | 1,376        |
| June              | .. | .. | .. | 5,675                                  | 1,986   | 985   | 1,384        |
| 1953-54—          |    |    |    |  |   |   |              |
| July              | .. | .. | .. | 5,438                                  | 1,988   | 991   | 1,392        |
| August            | .. | .. | .. | 5,116                                  | 1,991   | 996   | 1,400        |
| September         | .. | .. | .. | 5,613                                  | 1,987   | 1,003   | 1,409        |
| October           | .. | .. | .. | 5,837                                  | 1,986   | 1,008   | 1,417        |
| November          | .. | .. | .. | 5,487                                  | 1,968   | 1,014   | 1,425        |
| December          | .. | .. | .. | 6,409                                  | 1,968   | 1,020   | 1,433        |
| January           | .. | .. | .. | 5,130                                  | 1,968   | 1,025   | 1,439        |
| February          | .. | .. | .. | 5,049                                  | 1,972   | 1,029   | 1,445        |

(a) Actual collections. (b) Includes Papua. (c) During the period July, 1942, to December, 1951, supplementary licences for receivers in excess of one are included.

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## WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustment to be made to the crude figures on this account.

(£ million.)

| Average Monthly Sales Recorded. |                |               |        | Month.   | Monthly Taxable Sales at each Rate of Tax.(a) |      |      |      |     | Monthly Net Sales Recorded. |               |        |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------|----------|---|------|------|------|-----|-----------------------------|---------------|--------|
| Year.                           | Taxable Goods. | Exempt Goods. | Total. |          | 12½%  | 16½% | 20%  | 33½% | 50% | Taxable Goods.              | Exempt Goods. | Total. |
| 1936-37                         | 15.4           | 21.8          | 37.2   | 1952-53— |   |      |      |      |     |                             |               |        |
| 1937-38                         | 16.9           | 23.6          | 40.5   | Nov. ..  | 32.9  | ..   | 10.4 | 2.3  | 0.7 | 46.3                        | 103.9         | 150.2  |
| 1938-39                         | 16.4           | 23.4          | 39.8   | Dec. ..  | 38.5  | ..   | 12.2 | 2.4  | 0.7 | 53.8                        | 108.9         | 162.7  |
|                                 |                |               |        | Jan. ..  | 27.6  | ..   | 7.6  | 1.4  | 0.4 | 37.0                        | 96.2          | 133.2  |
| 1946-47                         | 24.6           | 42.2          | 66.8   | Feb. ..  | 33.9  | ..   | 10.6 | 1.7  | 0.5 | 46.7                        | 107.2         | 153.9  |
| 1947-48                         | 26.2           | 53.3          | 79.5   | Mar. ..  | 36.5  | ..   | 11.4 | 2.0  | 0.6 | 50.5                        | 120.7         | 171.2  |
| 1948-49                         | 30.3           | 63.1          | 93.4   | Apr. ..  | 35.3  | ..   | 10.7 | 1.9  | 0.6 | 48.5                        | 115.9         | 164.4  |
| 1949-50                         | 38.0           | 72.2          | 110.2  | May ..   | 35.4  | ..   | 10.9 | 1.8  | 0.6 | 48.7                        | 121.7         | 170.4  |
| 1950-51                         | 45.6           | 94.9          | 140.5  | June ..  | 33.6  | ..   | 10.6 | 1.5  | 0.5 | 46.2                        | 125.2         | 171.4  |
| 1951-52                         | 52.0           | 110.1         | 162.1  | 1953-54— |   |      |      |      |     |                             |               |        |
| 1952-53                         | 46.3           | 111.9         | 158.1  | July ..  | 35.7  | ..   | 11.9 | 1.5  | 0.5 | 49.6                        | 119.7         | 169.3  |
|                                 |                |               |        | Aug. ..  | 33.1  | ..   | 9.5  | 1.2  | 0.3 | 44.1                        | 117.5         | 161.6  |
|                                 |                |               |        | Sept.r   | 40.7  | 16.5 | 2.9  | 0.3  | 0.1 | 60.5                        | 128.5         | 189.0  |
|                                 |                |               |        | Oct.(b)r | 43.5  | 19.2 | ..   | ..   | ..  | 62.7                        | 125.8         | 188.5  |
|                                 |                |               |        | Nov.(b)  | 44.0  | 20.3 | ..   | ..   | ..  | 64.3                        | 130.2         | 194.5  |

(a) On 10th September, 1953, the special rates of 20, 33½ and 50 per cent. were discontinued and the special rate of 16½ per cent. was imposed.

(b) Preliminary and partly estimated.

## RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY FINANCE COMPANIES.

The statistics in the following table relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods at retail but do not retail goods themselves. The statistics do not include hire purchase agreements directly made between retailer and customer, whether subsequently assigned to finance companies or not.

| Quarter ended— | New Agreements Made during Quarter.       |                                    |                            |                               |                                    |                            |         |                                    |                            | Balances<br>Out-<br>standing<br>at end of<br>quarter<br>on all<br>Agree-<br>ments.(c) |
|----------------|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
|                | Motor Vehicles and Business<br>Equipment. |                                    |                            | Household and Personal Goods. |                                    |                            | Total.  |                                    |                            |   |
|                | No.                                       | Total<br>Value<br>of Goods.<br>(a) | Amount<br>Financed.<br>(b) | No.                           | Total<br>Value<br>of Goods.<br>(a) | Amount<br>Financed.<br>(b) | No.     | Total<br>Value<br>of Goods.<br>(a) | Amount<br>Financed.<br>(b) |   |
| 1953—          |   | £'000.                             | £'000.                     |                               | £'000.                             | £'000.                     |         | £'000.                             | £'000.                     | £'000.  |
| 31st Mar. r    | 40,956                                    | 26,925                             | 14,963                     | 101,516                       | 7,474                              | 5,591                      | 142,472 | 34,400                             | 20,554                     | 82,826  |
| 30th June r    | 40,890                                    | 29,078                             | 15,628                     | 92,747                        | 5,998                              | 4,579                      | 133,637 | 35,076                             | 20,207                     | 84,815  |
| 30th Sept. r   | 47,722                                    | 34,082                             | 18,132                     | 108,865                       | 7,504                              | 5,809                      | 156,587 | 41,587                             | 23,941                     | 91,435  |
| 31st Dec. ..   | 56,243                                    | 39,160                             | 21,075                     | 137,396                       | 10,985                             | 8,569                      | 193,639 | 50,145                             | 29,644                     | 104,906   |

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

(c) Includes hiring charges and insurance.

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## VALUE OF RETAIL SALES(a) : STATES.

The figures below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, &c.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards) and include the retail sales of establishments principally engaged in wholesale, manufacturing or servicing activities. The figures subsequent to 1948-49 may be revised when the results of the 1952-53 Census of Retail Establishments are available. (£ million.)

| Period.                   | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Total. (b) |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b> |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |
| 1947-48 ..                | 96.3             | 67.6      | 32.6        | 20.1             | 16.3               | 7.5       | 240.4      |
| 1948-49 ..                | 114.6            | 80.0      | 38.6        | 24.5             | 19.8               | 8.8       | 286.3      |
| 1949-50 ..                | 133.3            | 96.9      | 45.8        | 30.3             | 24.2               | 10.3      | 340.8      |
| 1950-51 ..                | 167.2            | 118.8     | 56.5        | 37.2             | 29.7               | 12.9      | 422.3      |
| 1951-52 ..                | 188.7            | 135.2     | 64.0        | 43.8             | 35.3               | 15.5      | 482.5      |
| 1952-53 ..                | 190.3            | 136.3     | 67.1        | 44.2             | 36.6               | 16.0      | 490.5      |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |
| 1951-52—                  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |
| December Qtr.             | 206.4            | 147.2     | 69.2        | 46.0             | 37.2               | 16.5      | 522.5      |
| March ..                  | 180.7            | 132.9     | 61.4        | 44.0             | 35.3               | 15.4      | 469.7      |
| June ..                   | 185.3            | 133.9     | 62.8        | 44.3             | 36.3               | 15.5      | 478.1      |
| 1952-53—                  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |
| September ..              | 179.5            | 127.7     | 62.6        | 41.0             | 34.3               | 14.9      | 460.0      |
| December ..               | 209.6            | 148.8     | 72.6        | 47.1             | 39.4               | 17.7      | 535.2      |
| March ..                  | 180.1            | 130.3     | 64.0        | 42.8             | 35.5               | 15.1      | 467.8      |
| June ..                   | 192.1            | 138.6     | 69.2        | 45.8             | 37.0               | 16.4      | 499.1      |
| 1953-54—                  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |
| September ..              | 193.9            | 138.1     | 70.0        | 45.6             | 37.9               | 16.8      | 502.3      |
| December ..               | 226.5            | 162.1     | 79.9        | 53.2             | 43.6               | 19.2      | 584.5      |

(a) Includes retail sales of Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c.

(b) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

## VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA(a) : COMMODITY GROUPS. (£ million.)

| Period.                   | Groceries. | Butchers' Meat. | Other Food. (b) | Beer, Wine and Spirits. | Clothing, Drapery and Footwear. | Hardware. | Electrical Goods. | Furniture. | Other Goods. | Total (Excl. Motor Vehicles, &c.) | Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c. | Total. |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b> |            |                 |                 |                         |                                 |           |                   |            |              |                                   |                                    |        |
| 1947-48 ..                | 31.9       | 39.4            |                 | (c)                     | 49.8                            | (c)       | (c)               | (c)        | (c)          | 211.0                             | 29.4                               | 240.4  |
| 1948-49 ..                | 35.9       | 16.3            | 29.1            | 23.8                    | 59.5                            | 18.1      | 8.5               | 11.6       | 42.0         | 244.8                             | 41.5                               | 286.3  |
| 1949-50 ..                | 40.1       | 18.6            | 32.9            | 26.1                    | 65.4                            | 20.8      | 10.2              | 13.4       | 49.5         | 277.0                             | 63.8                               | 340.8  |
| 1950-51 ..                | 46.2       | 22.3            | 38.9            | 30.4                    | 80.7                            | 27.5      | 14.6              | 18.6       | 59.4         | 338.6                             | 83.7                               | 422.3  |
| 1951-52 ..                | 57.4       | 28.3            | 47.1            | 37.7                    | 85.7                            | 32.0      | 16.5              | 18.1       | 70.3         | 393.1                             | 89.4                               | 482.5  |
| 1952-53 ..                | 64.4       | 30.0            | 51.9            | 42.3                    | 85.7                            | 32.1      | 15.5              | 17.1       | 70.2         | 409.2                             | 81.3                               | 490.5  |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>   |            |                 |                 |                         |                                 |           |                   |            |              |                                   |                                    |        |
| 1951-52—                  |            |                 |                 |                         |                                 |           |                   |            |              |                                   |                                    |        |
| Dec. Qtr. ..              | 59.1       | 28.2            | 49.0            | 41.1                    | 95.4                            | 34.9      | 19.1              | 19.5       | 80.2         | 426.5                             | 96.0                               | 522.5  |
| Mar. ..                   | 57.2       | 28.7            | 48.7            | 40.3                    | 75.8                            | 30.8      | 15.3              | 16.4       | 67.5         | 380.7                             | 89.0                               | 469.7  |
| June ..                   | 60.9       | 29.6            | 47.5            | 37.8                    | 89.8                            | 31.2      | 13.9              | 16.6       | 67.5         | 394.8                             | 83.3                               | 478.1  |
| 1952-53—                  |            |                 |                 |                         |                                 |           |                   |            |              |                                   |                                    |        |
| Sept. ..                  | 61.9       | 30.1            | 48.7            | 37.9                    | 78.0                            | 30.2      | 13.9              | 16.4       | 67.1         | 384.2                             | 75.8                               | 460.0  |
| Dec. ..                   | 67.9       | 30.2            | 54.4            | 46.5                    | 97.5                            | 35.2      | 18.5              | 18.6       | 79.7         | 448.5                             | 86.7                               | 535.2  |
| Mar. ..                   | 62.3       | 29.2            | 52.1            | 43.8                    | 73.9                            | 30.4      | 14.9              | 16.2       | 66.5         | 389.3                             | 78.5                               | 467.8  |
| June ..                   | 65.3       | 30.6            | 52.5            | 40.9                    | 94.0                            | 32.7      | 14.5              | 17.0       | 67.5         | 415.0                             | 84.1                               | 499.1  |
| 1953-54—                  |            |                 |                 |                         |                                 |           |                   |            |              |                                   |                                    |        |
| Sept. ..                  | 66.6       | 31.3            | 53.0            | 40.9                    | 84.8                            | 33.3      | 16.2              | 18.3       | 69.8         | 414.2                             | 88.1                               | 502.3  |
| Dec. ..                   | 71.4       | 31.3            | 58.2            | 50.6                    | 107.5                           | 39.1      | 22.7              | 21.1       | 84.9         | 486.8                             | 97.7                               | 584.5  |

(a) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

(b) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, &c., but excludes some delivered Milk and Bread.

(c) Comparable commodity dissections for 1947-48 not collected.

**PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)**  
**LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.**  
 (£ million.)

| Period                            | Deposits.(b)      |                       |         | Advances. | Government and Municipal Securities. (c) | Special Accounts with Commonwealth Bank. | Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Commonwealth Bank | Treasury Bills. |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------|-----------|--|--|--|-----------------|
|                                   | Bearing Interest. | Not Bearing Interest. | Total.  |           |  |  |  |                 |
| <b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b> |                   |                       |         |           |  |  |  |                 |
| 1936-37.. ..                      | 184.7             | 112.9                 | 297.6   | 262.5     | 15.0                                     | ..                                       | 34.2   | 24.5            |
| 1937-38.. ..                      | 194.8             | 120.0                 | 314.8   | 274.4     | 21.4                                     | ..                                       | 37.1   | 20.7            |
| 1938-39.. ..                      | 198.8             | 118.9                 | 317.7   | 288.1     | 20.5                                     | ..                                       | 33.6   | 21.5            |
| 1946-47.. ..                      | 206.9             | 429.7                 | 636.6   | (d) 261.1 | 95.0                                     | 265.0                                    | 37.9   | 25.8            |
| 1947-48.. ..                      | 201.9             | 471.6                 | 673.5   | 329.9     | 65.6                                     | 262.3                                    | 44.4   | 18.1            |
| 1948-49.. ..                      | 211.3             | 565.1                 | 776.4   | 368.6     | 61.5                                     | 322.7                                    | 48.0   | 22.1            |
| 1949-50.. ..                      | 224.5             | 685.6                 | 910.1   | 403.9     | 83.8                                     | 377.0                                    | 52.0   | 26.5            |
| 1950-51.. ..                      | 247.7             | 896.5                 | 1,144.2 | 479.3     | 90.2                                     | 500.3                                    | 59.3   | 36.9            |
| 1951-52.. ..                      | 238.2             | 963.5                 | 1,201.7 | 621.4     | 68.4                                     | 466.0                                    | 60.6   | 32.4            |
| 1952-53.. ..                      | 218.7             | 943.7                 | 1,162.4 | 638.1     | 86.5                                     | 211.7                                    | 74.7   | 123.1           |
| 1951-52—                          |                   |                       |         |           |  |  |  |                 |
| February ..                       | 236.5             | 992.0                 | 1,228.5 | 654.6     | 62.0                                     | 458.5                                    | 64.4   | 31.3            |
| March ..                          | 234.9             | 1,006.4               | 1,241.3 | 664.1     | 67.6                                     | 436.5                                    | 64.4   | 37.9            |
| April ..                          | 232.2             | 1,014.4               | 1,246.6 | 667.9     | 64.1                                     | 427.5                                    | 64.2   | 39.7            |
| May ..                            | 224.8             | 957.2                 | 1,182.0 | 675.6     | 62.5                                     | 398.9                                    | 53.7   | 38.5            |
| June ..                           | 220.5             | 902.4                 | 1,122.9 | 691.2     | 62.6                                     | 303.3                                    | 61.2   | 35.8            |
| 1952-53—                          |                   |                       |         |           |  |  |  |                 |
| July ..                           | 215.1             | 857.0                 | 1,072.1 | 699.3     | 65.3                                     | 215.5                                    | 65.2   | 46.4            |
| August ..                         | 214.8             | 844.7                 | 1,059.5 | 690.4     | 65.5                                     | 190.5                                    | 68.4   | 59.5            |
| September ..                      | 214.7             | 839.4                 | 1,054.1 | 682.0     | 65.6                                     | 185.7                                    | 66.7   | 69.3            |
| October ..                        | 213.8             | 863.9                 | 1,077.7 | 673.4     | 66.3                                     | 163.8                                    | 69.0   | 97.1            |
| November ..                       | 215.5             | 898.8                 | 1,114.3 | 655.7     | 70.5                                     | 156.5                                    | 76.5   | 120.9           |
| December (e) ..                   | 217.1             | 930.3                 | 1,147.4 | 637.7     | 79.3                                     | 156.5                                    | 78.6   | 136.8           |
| January ..                        | 218.7             | 952.9                 | 1,171.6 | 616.0     | 91.3                                     | 167.5                                    | 91.9   | 157.8           |
| February ..                       | 219.0             | 999.9                 | 1,218.9 | 604.1     | 96.5                                     | 193.6                                    | 89.3   | 188.4           |
| March ..                          | 221.1             | 1,051.5               | 1,272.6 | 593.9     | 101.1                                    | 228.6                                    | 81.7   | 211.0           |
| April ..                          | 224.0             | 1,059.5               | 1,283.5 | 592.5     | 110.1                                    | 276.1                                    | 71.7   | 173.3           |
| May ..                            | 222.7             | 1,029.5               | 1,252.2 | 597.6     | 115.5                                    | 300.8                                    | 65.5   | 129.0           |
| June ..                           | 228.9             | 1,010.1               | 1,239.0 | 601.8     | 115.7                                    | 300.8                                    | 76.6   | 100.5           |
| 1953-54—                          |                   |                       |         |           |  |  |  |                 |
| July ..                           | 225.6             | 978.4                 | 1,204.0 | 616.9     | 115.6                                    | 296.5                                    | 66.1   | 85.8            |
| August ..                         | 225.1             | 956.2                 | 1,181.3 | 619.9     | 119.5                                    | 282.0                                    | 67.1   | 85.9            |
| September ..                      | 227.8             | 963.9                 | 1,191.7 | 630.8     | 122.9                                    | 261.1                                    | 73.3   | 97.6            |
| October ..                        | 230.4             | 979.6                 | 1,210.0 | 654.6     | 124.6                                    | 250.7                                    | 63.3   | 96.1            |
| November ..                       | 245.9             | 1,005.0               | 1,250.9 | 664.1     | 126.1                                    | 250.5                                    | 69.0   | 100.9           |
| December (e) ..                   | 246.0             | 1,044.0               | 1,290.0 | 665.0     | 130.2                                    | 250.5                                    | 83.0   | 105.3           |
| January ..                        | 244.5             | 1,059.3               | 1,303.8 | 654.1     | 135.0                                    | 257.2                                    | 87.6   | 129.6           |
| February ..                       | 245.9             | 1,091.2               | 1,337.1 | 656.0     | 138.4                                    | 282.4                                    | 75.0   | 147.7           |

(a) Previously Nine Trading Banks. These have been reduced by amalgamations to seven, namely Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., National Bank of Australasia Ltd., and Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation). Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) Excludes inscribed deposit stock. (c) Excludes Treasury Bills. (d) Figures for 1945-46 and onwards are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

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# PRIVATE TRADING BANKS (a)—continued.

## RATIOS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS (b) WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

| Period.      |    |        | Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits. |                        |           |   |  | Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits. |
|--------------|----|--------|--|------------------------|-----------|---|--|--|
|              |    |        | Cash in Australia.   | Cash + Treasury Bills. | Advances. | Advances + Government and Municipal Securities in Australia.(c) | Special Accounts with Commonwealth Bank. |  |
| Average      | of | Weekly |  |                        |           |   |  |  |
| Figures—     |    |        |  |                        |           |   |  |  |
| 1936-37      | .. | ..     | 11.49  | 19.73                  | 88.20     | 93.26   | ..                                       | 37.93  |
| 1937-38      | .. | ..     | 11.79  | 18.37                  | 87.15     | 93.95   | ..                                       | 38.13  |
| 1938-39      | .. | ..     | 10.58  | 17.36                  | 90.70     | 97.15   | ..                                       | 37.42  |
| 1946-47      | .. | ..     | 5.96   | 10.02                  | (d)41.02  | (d)55.95  | 41.63                                    | 67.51  |
| 1947-48      | .. | ..     | 6.59   | 9.28                   | 48.98     | 58.72   | 38.94                                    | 70.02  |
| 1948-49      | .. | ..     | 6.18   | 9.03                   | 47.47     | 55.39   | 41.56                                    | 72.79  |
| 1949-50      | .. | ..     | 5.71   | 8.62                   | 44.35     | 53.55   | 41.40                                    | 75.28  |
| 1950-51      | .. | ..     | 5.19   | 8.41                   | 41.89     | 49.69   | 43.73                                    | 78.35  |
| 1951-52      | .. | ..     | 5.04   | 7.74                   | 51.71     | 57.40   | 38.78                                    | 80.18  |
| 1952-53      | .. | ..     | 6.43   | 17.02                  | 54.89     | 62.33   | 18.21                                    | 81.19  |
| 1951-52—     |    |        |  |                        |           |   |  |  |
| February     | .. | ..     | 5.24   | 7.78                   | 53.28     | 58.33   | 37.32                                    | 80.75  |
| March ..     | .. | ..     | 5.18   | 8.23                   | 53.50     | 58.94   | 35.16                                    | 81.08  |
| April ..     | .. | ..     | 5.15   | 8.33                   | 53.58     | 58.72   | 34.29                                    | 81.37  |
| May ..       | .. | ..     | 4.54   | 7.80                   | 57.16     | 62.45   | 33.75                                    | 80.98  |
| June ..      | .. | ..     | 5.45   | 8.63                   | 61.56     | 67.14   | 27.01                                    | 80.36  |
| 1952-53—     |    |        |  |                        |           |   |  |  |
| July ..      | .. | ..     | 6.08   | 10.40                  | 65.23     | 71.32   | 20.10                                    | 79.94  |
| August       | .. | ..     | 6.46   | 12.08                  | 65.16     | 71.34   | 17.98                                    | 79.73  |
| September    | .. | ..     | 6.33   | 12.90                  | 64.70     | 70.91   | 17.62                                    | 79.63  |
| October      | .. | ..     | 6.40   | 15.41                  | 62.49     | 68.64   | 15.20                                    | 80.16  |
| November     | .. | ..     | 6.87   | 17.72                  | 58.84     | 65.16   | 14.05                                    | 80.66  |
| December(e)  | .. | ..     | 6.86   | 18.78                  | 55.58     | 62.49   | 13.64                                    | 81.08  |
| January      | .. | ..     | 7.84   | 21.31                  | 52.58     | 60.37   | 14.30                                    | 81.34  |
| February     | .. | ..     | 7.32   | 22.77                  | 49.56     | 57.48   | 15.88                                    | 82.03  |
| March ..     | .. | ..     | 6.42   | 23.00                  | 46.67     | 54.62   | 17.97                                    | 82.63  |
| April ..     | .. | ..     | 5.58   | 19.08                  | 46.16     | 54.74   | 21.51                                    | 82.55  |
| May ..       | .. | ..     | 5.23   | 15.53                  | 47.72     | 56.94   | 24.02                                    | 82.21  |
| June ..      | .. | ..     | 6.19   | 14.30                  | 48.57     | 57.91   | 24.27                                    | 81.53  |
| 1953-54—     |    |        |  |                        |           |   |  |  |
| July         | .. | ..     | 5.49   | 12.61                  | 51.23     | 60.83   | 24.62                                    | 81.26  |
| August       | .. | ..     | 5.68   | 12.95                  | 52.48     | 62.60   | 23.87                                    | 80.94  |
| September    | .. | ..     | 6.15   | 14.34                  | 52.93     | 63.24   | 21.91                                    | 80.89  |
| October      | .. | ..     | 5.23   | 13.17                  | 54.10     | 64.39   | 20.71                                    | 80.95  |
| November     | .. | ..     | 5.52   | 13.58                  | 53.08     | 63.16   | 20.02                                    | 80.34  |
| December (e) | .. | ..     | 6.44   | 14.60                  | 51.55     | 61.65   | 19.41                                    | 80.93  |
| January      | .. | ..     | 6.72   | 16.66                  | 50.17     | 60.53   | 19.73                                    | 81.25  |
| February     | .. | ..     | 5.61   | 16.65                  | 49.06     | 59.41   | 21.12                                    | 81.61  |

(a) See footnote (a) on previous page.

(b) Deposits exclude inscribed deposit stock.

(c) Excludes Treasury Bills.

(d) Figures for 1945-46 and onwards are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets.

(e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

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**COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA(a),**  
**and**  
**COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA**  
**(RURAL CREDITS, MORTGAGE BANK AND INDUSTRIAL FINANCE DEPARTMENTS).**  
 (£ million.)

| Period.                                   | Commonwealth Trading Bank.(a)(b) |                             |        |                |   |  |                    |  | Commonwealth Bank—Advances.(b)       |                                      |                                   |        |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|----------------|---|--|--------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
|   | Deposits.                        |                             |        | Ad-<br>vances. | Special<br>Account<br>with<br>Common-<br>wealth<br>Bank.<br>(c) | Coin<br>Bullion,<br>Notes and<br>Cash with<br>Common-<br>wealth<br>Bank. | Treasury<br>Bills. | Other<br>Australian<br>Govern-<br>ment and<br>Municipal<br>Securities. | Rural<br>Credits<br>Depart-<br>ment. | Mortgage<br>Bank<br>Depart-<br>ment. | Industrial Finance<br>Department. |        |
|   | Bearing<br>Interest.             | Not<br>Bearing<br>Interest. | Total. |                |   |  |                    |  |                                      |                                      | Hire<br>Purchase.                 | Other. |
| <b>Average of<br/>Weekly<br/>Figures—</b> |                                  |                             |        |                |   |  |                    |  |                                      |                                      |                                   |        |
| 1946-47 ..                                | 17.6                             | 40.7                        | 58.3   | 20.4           | ..  | 6.6  | 1.9                | 34.3   | 0.8                                  | 2.6                                  | 0.6                               | 1.3    |
| 1947-48 ..                                | 13.9                             | 43.7                        | 57.6   | 23.4           | ..  | 6.6  | ..                 | 32.1   | 0.8                                  | 3.1                                  | 2.5                               | 3.5    |
| 1948-49 ..                                | 13.2                             | 51.1                        | 64.3   | 31.8           | ..  | 6.1  | ..                 | 34.1   | 1.8                                  | 3.2                                  | 7.6                               | 4.8    |
| 1949-50 ..                                | 14.8                             | 62.5                        | 77.3   | 45.3           | ..  | 6.2  | 2.0                | 35.4   | 13.8                                 | 3.5                                  | 12.8                              | 6.3    |
| 1950-51 ..                                | 19.4                             | 89.2                        | 108.6  | 62.5           | ..  | 7.2  | 24.0               | 26.9   | 13.7                                 | 3.8                                  | 14.7                              | 7.6    |
| 1951-52 ..                                | 20.1                             | 90.6                        | 110.7  | 76.4           | ..  | 6.6  | 26.4               | 13.3   | 19.7                                 | 4.1                                  | 15.5                              | 8.7    |
| 1952-53 ..                                | 22.8                             | 96.7                        | 119.5  | (d)59.5        | 21.7  | 8.8  | (c)17.2            | (d)25.8  | 44.9                                 | 4.3                                  | 14.8                              | 8.1    |
| 1951-52—                                  |                                  |                             |        |                |   |  |                    |  |                                      |                                      |                                   |        |
| February                                  | 18.8                             | 92.7                        | 111.5  | 81.7           | ..  | 6.5  | 24.0               | 11.1   | 23.1                                 | 4.3                                  | 15.5                              | 9.1    |
| March ..                                  | 19.4                             | 93.5                        | 112.9  | (d)80.6        | ..  | 6.1  | 23.5               | (d)13.5  | 44.9                                 | 4.3                                  | 15.1                              | 9.2    |
| April ..                                  | 19.9                             | 93.3                        | 113.2  | 77.9           | ..  | 7.2  | 22.4               | 17.9   | 52.5                                 | 4.4                                  | 14.8                              | 9.3    |
| May ..                                    | 19.3                             | 90.2                        | 109.5  | 73.9           | ..  | 5.8  | 21.0               | 21.2   | 44.5                                 | 4.3                                  | 14.4                              | 9.3    |
| June ..                                   | 19.8                             | 89.3                        | 109.1  | 71.2           | ..  | 7.1  | 23.0               | 22.1   | 39.5                                 | 4.2                                  | 14.2                              | 9.4    |
| 1952-53—                                  |                                  |                             |        |                |   |  |                    |  |                                      |                                      |                                   |        |
| July ..                                   | 19.5                             | 85.7                        | 105.2  | 62.5           | 21.2  | 6.8  | (c)3.8             | 22.5   | 27.4                                 | 4.3                                  | 14.0                              | 9.1    |
| August ..                                 | 19.0                             | 85.9                        | 104.9  | 62.2           | 19.9  | 6.7  | 4.6                | 24.4   | 26.4                                 | 4.3                                  | 13.9                              | 8.9    |
| September                                 | 19.5                             | 85.3                        | 104.8  | 58.8           | 19.3  | 7.6  | 5.6                | 27.5   | 23.7                                 | 4.3                                  | 13.8                              | 8.7    |
| October..                                 | 20.5                             | 88.8                        | 109.3  | 57.4           | 16.4  | 7.7  | 6.6                | 33.6   | 17.1                                 | 4.3                                  | 13.8                              | 8.5    |
| November                                  | 23.0                             | 93.6                        | 116.6  | 59.1           | 15.8  | 7.8  | 9.1                | 36.9   | 13.3                                 | 4.3                                  | 14.2                              | 8.4    |
| December e                                | 23.3                             | 97.4                        | 120.7  | 59.5           | 15.8  | 7.7  | 12.1               | 38.4   | 11.2                                 | 4.2                                  | 15.1                              | 8.2    |
| January ..                                | 24.0                             | 93.5                        | 117.5  | 62.8           | 16.6  | 7.0  | 14.6               | 33.5   | 27.3                                 | 4.2                                  | 15.2                              | 8.1    |
| February                                  | 24.5                             | 100.0                       | 124.5  | 61.6           | 19.3  | 12.0   | 20.6               | 25.8   | 66.5                                 | 4.2                                  | 15.3                              | 8.1    |
| March ..                                  | 24.9                             | 107.0                       | 131.9  | 58.1           | 23.3  | 11.6   | 32.7               | 21.6   | 95.7                                 | 4.3                                  | 15.4                              | 8.4    |
| April ..                                  | 25.1                             | 107.8                       | 132.9  | 55.6           | 28.7  | 8.7  | 35.6               | 16.8   | 89.6                                 | 4.3                                  | 15.7                              | 7.9    |
| May ..                                    | 25.3                             | 107.3                       | 132.6  | 57.3           | 32.3  | 10.2   | 32.0               | 15.2   | 77.6                                 | 4.3                                  | 15.9                              | 6.6    |
| June ..                                   | 26.0                             | 109.7                       | 135.7  | 59.7           | 32.3  | 11.9   | 31.3               | 15.2   | 62.6                                 | 4.2                                  | 16.1                              | 6.3    |
| 1953-54—                                  |                                  |                             |        |                |   |  |                    |  |                                      |                                      |                                   |        |
| July ..                                   | 27.2                             | 110.6                       | 137.8  | 62.4           | 32.3  | 9.7  | 31.7               | 15.2   | 47.9                                 | 4.3                                  | 16.3                              | 5.0    |
| August ..                                 | 29.6                             | 110.7                       | 140.3  | 63.4           | 32.3  | 11.5   | 31.6               | 15.5   | 36.8                                 | 4.4                                  | 16.4                              | 4.9    |
| September                                 | 34.4                             | 115.4                       | 149.8  | 63.6           | 32.3  | 11.6   | 32.5               | 24.1   | 30.9                                 | 4.4                                  | 16.4                              | 4.7    |
| October..                                 | 36.0                             | 120.2                       | 156.2  | 66.4           | 32.3  | 11.4   | 29.6               | 28.1   | 24.6                                 | 4.5                                  | 16.6                              | 4.3    |
| November                                  | 36.8                             | 124.2                       | 161.0  | 68.4           | 32.3  | 11.3   | 27.7               | 33.2   | 19.8                                 | 4.5                                  | 16.8                              | 4.2    |
| December e                                | 35.6                             | 123.8                       | 159.4  | 70.4           | 32.3  | 10.6   | 22.6               | 35.1   | 10.7                                 | 4.5                                  | 17.1                              | 4.6    |
| January                                   | 36.8                             | 118.3                       | 155.1  | 71.6           | 32.8  | 10.5   | 19.6               | 35.1   | 25.4                                 | 4.6                                  | 16.9                              | 4.6    |
| February                                  | 36.9                             | 121.6                       | 158.5  | 71.6           | 34.5  | 10.5   | 20.9               | 35.1   | 48.0                                 | 4.6                                  | 16.6                              | 4.6    |

(a) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953. period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays.

(b) Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays of

(c) At the beginning of July, 1952, the General Banking Division opened, in the books of the Central Bank, a special deposit account with a balance approximating the amount that would be required if it were subject to Special Account provisions of the Banking Act 1945. This represents a change in the form of liquid assets which were previously held, predominantly in Treasury Bills.

(d) Between March and July, 1952, certain loans to buildings societies and credit foncier loans for housing were transferred from the General Banking Division to the Commonwealth Savings Bank in exchange for Government Securities. The reduction in these loans (held by the General Banking Division) over this period was approximately £24,000,000.

(e) Returns for fourth Wednesday not available.

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# COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA : CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS.

(Includes Note Issue Department.)

## LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.(a)

(£A million.)

| Period.                       | Notes on Issue.   |                    |        | Special<br>Accounts<br>of<br>Trading<br>Banks. | Other<br>Deposits<br>of<br>Trading<br>Banks. | Other<br>Liabilities<br>(excluding<br>Capital and<br>Reserves). | Gold and<br>Balances<br>held<br>Abroad. | Government<br>and other<br>Securities<br>(including<br>Treasury<br>Bills). |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------|--|--|---|---|--|
|                               | Held by<br>Banks. | Held by<br>Public. | Total. |  |  |   |   |  |
| Average of Weekly<br>Figures— |                   |                    |        |  |  |   |   |  |
| 1946-47.. ..                  | 18.7              | 180.7              | 199.4  | 267.0  | 24.1   | 122.1   | 217.6                                   | 392.2  |
| 1947-48.. ..                  | 22.2              | 175.9              | 198.1  | 263.7  | 28.0   | 142.0   | 196.7                                   | 419.9  |
| 1948-49.. ..                  | 24.9              | 178.7              | 203.6  | 323.9  | 29.8   | 174.6   | 336.2                                   | 356.3  |
| 1949-50.. ..                  | 27.9              | 194.3              | 222.2  | 379.6  | 30.7   | 200.3   | 434.0                                   | 349.0  |
| 1950-51.. ..                  | 32.7              | 219.1              | 251.8  | 503.2  | 34.7   | 238.2   | 596.3                                   | 366.6  |
| 1951-52.. ..                  | 38.1              | 255.5              | 293.6  | 468.8  | 31.1   | 270.9   | 470.6                                   | 503.1  |
| 1952-53.. ..                  | 36.9              | 281.3              | 318.2  | 212.9  | 45.4   | 287.4   | 363.6                                   | 434.8  |
| 1951-52—                      |                   |                    |        |  |  |   |   |  |
| March .. ..                   | 36.9              | 259.9              | 296.8  | 438.9  | 36.4   | 264.0   | 316.6                                   | 613.1  |
| April .. ..                   | 38.4              | 265.0              | 303.4  | 430.0  | 33.9   | 260.1   | 313.1                                   | 585.4  |
| May .. ..                     | 38.1              | 262.9              | 301.0  | 401.8  | 22.3   | 256.0   | 311.0                                   | 541.3  |
| June .. ..                    | 37.5              | 264.5              | 302.0  | 305.0  | 30.1   | 260.2   | 303.2                                   | 488.8  |
| 1952-53—                      |                   |                    |        |  |  |   |   |  |
| July .. ..                    | 36.3              | 266.1              | 302.4  | 216.9  | 34.9   | 266.9   | 288.5                                   | 460.9  |
| August .. ..                  | 36.3              | 269.5              | 305.8  | 191.8  | 38.2   | 267.5   | 291.0                                   | 457.3  |
| September ..                  | 36.0              | 273.0              | 309.0  | 187.0  | 36.3   | 278.5   | 301.3                                   | 463.8  |
| October .. ..                 | 35.8              | 276.5              | 312.3  | 164.9  | 38.9   | 278.5   | 299.5                                   | 455.1  |
| November ..                   | 35.9              | 279.4              | 315.3  | 157.6  | 46.9   | 277.8   | 320.9                                   | 444.2  |
| December (b) ..               | 40.5              | 287.9              | 328.4  | 157.6  | 44.9   | 279.2   | 338.6                                   | 439.1  |
| January .. ..                 | 40.8              | 283.1              | 323.9  | 168.6  | 59.1   | 280.3   | 366.6                                   | 418.9  |
| February .. ..                | 36.3              | 283.0              | 319.3  | 194.7  | 62.0   | 288.0   | 393.2                                   | 388.6  |
| March .. ..                   | 35.8              | 286.2              | 322.0  | 229.7  | 56.5   | 293.3   | 412.0                                   | 377.9  |
| April .. ..                   | 37.0              | 292.0              | 329.0  | 277.1  | 44.5   | 305.3   | 433.0                                   | 420.1  |
| May .. ..                     | 36.1              | 289.8              | 325.9  | 301.9  | 38.7   | 313.4   | 455.9                                   | 435.0  |
| June .. ..                    | 36.1              | 291.9              | 328.0  | 301.9  | 49.0   | 322.6   | 479.9                                   | 448.4  |
| 1953-54—                      |                   |                    |        |  |  |   |   |  |
| July .. ..                    | 35.7              | 293.5              | 329.2  | 297.6  | 39.8   | 319.1   | 489.5                                   | 439.4  |
| August .. ..                  | 36.0              | 295.9              | 331.9  | 282.7  | 40.2   | 304.1   | 495.5                                   | 420.7  |
| September ..                  | 36.5              | 296.0              | 332.5  | 262.2  | 42.3   | 306.0   | 490.7                                   | 409.8  |
| October .. ..                 | 37.3              | 295.8              | 333.1  | 251.7  | 30.9   | 295.1   | 486.1                                   | 393.8  |
| November ..                   | 37.7              | 296.7              | 334.4  | 251.5  | 36.0   | 315.2   | 490.4                                   | 419.3  |
| December (b) ..               | 43.2              | 303.7              | 346.9  | (c)275.7                                       | 49.0   | 287.8   | 511.8                                   | 432.0  |
| January .. ..                 | 42.5              | 297.8              | 340.3  | 291.0  | 55.5   | 264.5   | 520.2                                   | 403.3  |
| February .. ..                | 38.5              | 298.9              | 337.4  | 317.9  | 46.1   | 262.5   | 530.1                                   | 382.2  |

(a) Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays of period until December, 1946; thereafter on Wednesdays of period.  
 (b) Return for fourth Wednesday not available. (c) From 3rd December, 1953, includes Special Account of Commonwealth Trading Bank. Previously the Special Deposit Account of the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank was included in "Other Liabilities".

# ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(a)

## LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.(b)

(£ million.)

| Period.                               | Deposits.            |                          |         | Advances. | Coin,<br>Bullion,<br>Notes and<br>Cash with<br>Common-<br>wealth<br>Bank. | Treasury<br>Bills. | Other<br>Australian<br>Government<br>and<br>Municipal<br>Securities. |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------|-----------|---|--------------------|--|
|                                       | Bearing<br>Interest. | Not Bearing<br>Interest. | Total.  |           |   |                    |  |
| <b>Average of Weekly<br/>Figures—</b> |                      |                          |         |           |   |                    |  |
| 1946-47 .. ..                         | 229.5                | 480.5                    | 710.0   | 304.4     | 47.0  | 28.5               | 137.8  |
| 1947-48 (c) .. ..                     | 221.2                | 527.8                    | 749.0   | 384.7     | 54.2  | 19.2               | 108.3  |
| 1948-49 .. ..                         | 231.8                | 634.6                    | 866.4   | 440.2     | 58.3  | 24.0               | 109.3  |
| 1949-50 .. ..                         | 249.3                | 771.2                    | 1,020.5 | 495.4     | 62.2  | 29.5               | 132.3  |
| 1950-51 .. ..                         | 279.6                | 1,017.6                  | 1,297.2 | 598.4     | 71.4  | 64.0               | 129.5  |
| 1951-52 .. ..                         | 271.7                | 1,091.5                  | 1,363.2 | 759.7     | 72.3  | 61.7               | 96.6   |
| 1952-53 .. ..                         | 256.8                | 1,076.3                  | 1,333.1 | (d)762.3  | (e)88.2   | (e)144.2           | (d)126.2   |
| <b>1951-52—</b>                       |                      |                          |         |           |   |                    |  |
| February .. ..                        | 267.2                | 1,127.8                  | 1,395.0 | 799.2     | 77.4  | 60.0               | 87.8   |
| March .. ..                           | 267.7                | 1,143.2                  | 1,410.9 | (d)808.2  | 76.7  | 67.6               | (d)95.8  |
| April .. ..                           | 268.8                | 1,147.8                  | 1,416.6 | 810.4     | 77.1  | 67.7               | 96.7   |
| May .. ..                             | 260.2                | 1,084.5                  | 1,344.7 | 814.6     | 64.1  | 62.3               | 98.4   |
| June .. ..                            | 255.9                | 1,026.3                  | 1,282.2 | 827.9     | 72.0  | 59.4               | 99.4   |
| <b>1952-53—</b>                       |                      |                          |         |           |   |                    |  |
| July .. ..                            | 249.5                | 975.2                    | 1,224.7 | 827.7     | (e)75.1   | (e)50.5            | 102.4  |
| August .. ..                          | 249.4                | 962.4                    | 1,211.8 | 817.6     | 78.2  | 64.3               | 104.6  |
| September .. ..                       | 250.3                | 955.1                    | 1,205.4 | 806.1     | 77.0  | 75.1               | 107.8  |
| October .. ..                         | 250.9                | 983.0                    | 1,233.9 | 797.1     | 79.6  | 104.0              | 114.4  |
| November .. ..                        | 253.7                | 1,024.6                  | 1,278.3 | 781.3     | 87.6  | 130.3              | 121.0  |
| December (f) .. ..                    | 255.2                | 1,060.9                  | 1,316.1 | 763.5     | 89.6  | 149.6              | 131.0  |
| January .. ..                         | 257.5                | 1,083.3                  | 1,340.8 | 742.9     | 104.1   | 175.5              | 138.1  |
| February .. ..                        | 258.4                | 1,141.0                  | 1,399.4 | 729.3     | 107.2   | 216.4              | 135.8  |
| March .. ..                           | 261.3                | 1,201.2                  | 1,462.5 | 715.9     | 100.6   | 253.1              | 136.1  |
| April .. ..                           | 264.2                | 1,209.0                  | 1,473.2 | 711.3     | 87.5  | 218.2              | 140.4  |
| May .. ..                             | 263.0                | 1,176.5                  | 1,439.5 | 718.0     | 81.9  | 169.7              | 144.2  |
| June .. ..                            | 269.7                | 1,158.3                  | 1,428.0 | 724.8     | 94.3  | 138.7              | 144.6  |
| <b>1953-54—</b>                       |                      |                          |         |           |   |                    |  |
| July .. ..                            | 267.7                | 1,125.7                  | 1,393.4 | 743.2     | 81.6  | 122.0              | 144.4  |
| August .. ..                          | 269.5                | 1,102.2                  | 1,371.7 | 747.1     | 83.8  | 121.7              | 148.6  |
| September .. ..                       | 277.0                | 1,114.1                  | 1,391.1 | 759.5     | 89.3  | 134.1              | 160.8  |
| October .. ..                         | 281.0                | 1,134.0                  | 1,415.0 | 787.7     | 78.8  | 129.1              | 166.8  |
| November .. ..                        | 297.3                | 1,164.5                  | 1,461.8 | 799.8     | 84.9  | 132.4              | 173.3  |
| December (f) .. ..                    | 296.6                | 1,205.4                  | 1,502.0 | 802.2     | 98.8  | 132.5              | 179.4  |
| January .. ..                         | 296.6                | 1,218.4                  | 1,515.0 | 791.5     | 103.9   | 156.9              | 184.2  |
| February .. ..                        | 298.4                | 1,255.7                  | 1,554.1 | 793.5     | 91.2  | 179.0              | 187.8  |

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953. Includes General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (Commonwealth Trading Bank from 3rd December, 1953) the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and from July, 1946, the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See footnote (b), page 48. (c) From January, 1948, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales replaced the Rural Bank Department of that Bank. (d) See footnote (d), page 48. (e) See footnote (c), page 48. (f) See footnote (e), page 46.

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# ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

## DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)

(£ million.)

| Period.                           | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australian Capital Territory. | Total.   |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b> |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |          |
| 1946-47.. ..                      | 58.1             | 52.9      | 16.8        | 10.5             | (b)7.1             | 3.4       | 0.1                           | (b)148.9 |
| 1947-48 (c) ..                    | (d)69.4          | 61.2      | 19.9        | 12.7             | 8.7                | 3.9       | 0.1                           | (d)175.9 |
| 1948-49.. ..                      | 83.1             | 74.3      | 24.3        | 15.5             | 10.7               | 4.7       | 0.2                           | 212.8    |
| 1949-50.. ..                      | 104.9            | 97.8      | 29.5        | 19.3             | 13.7               | 5.6       | 0.3                           | 271.1    |
| 1950-51.. ..                      | 145.1            | 134.9     | 39.0        | 26.8             | 19.3               | 7.4       | 0.4                           | 372.9    |
| 1951-52.. ..                      | 156.6            | 142.3     | 41.5        | 30.8             | 21.8               | 8.9       | 0.5                           | 402.4    |
| 1952-53.. ..                      | 151.9            | 132.0     | 43.8        | 30.1             | 22.1               | 8.8       | 0.6                           | 389.3    |
| <b>1951-52—</b>                   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |          |
| February ..                       | 155.3            | 153.4     | 38.4        | 33.9             | 24.3               | 9.0       | 0.4                           | 414.7    |
| March ..                          | 152.1            | 142.2     | 39.1        | 34.3             | 22.3               | 10.2      | 0.5                           | 400.7    |
| April ..                          | 153.3            | 142.7     | 40.5        | 32.2             | 22.5               | 9.5       | 0.5                           | 401.2    |
| May ..                            | 155.9            | 141.7     | 40.9        | 32.1             | 22.6               | 9.5       | 0.5                           | 403.2    |
| June ..                           | 158.4            | 135.4     | 44.6        | 30.7             | 20.5               | 9.6       | 0.5                           | 399.7    |
| <b>1952-53—</b>                   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |          |
| July ..                           | 149.0            | 129.2     | 44.4        | 31.1             | 20.5               | 9.4       | 0.6                           | 384.2    |
| August ..                         | 130.1            | 116.5     | 38.5        | 26.3             | 19.3               | 8.1       | 0.5                           | 339.3    |
| September ..                      | 143.0            | 116.3     | 41.1        | 26.2             | 17.9               | 8.2       | 0.5                           | 353.2    |
| October ..                        | 152.7            | 122.1     | 43.9        | 28.0             | 21.2               | 8.1       | 0.5                           | 376.5    |
| November ..                       | 159.8            | 136.2     | 45.1        | 29.1             | 23.0               | 8.0       | 0.5                           | 401.7    |
| December ..                       | 173.8            | 146.4     | 47.8        | 30.5             | 24.0               | 9.7       | 0.6                           | 432.8    |
| January ..                        | 124.6            | 118.4     | 36.3        | 25.9             | 24.3               | 6.6       | 0.7                           | 336.8    |
| February ..                       | 156.1            | 137.0     | 41.8        | 34.0             | 24.9               | 8.6       | 0.5                           | 402.9    |
| March ..                          | 162.4            | 141.0     | 45.5        | 32.3             | 23.2               | 9.8       | 0.5                           | 414.7    |
| April ..                          | 149.6            | 142.6     | 44.7        | 32.2             | 22.7               | 9.5       | 0.8                           | 402.1    |
| May ..                            | 157.4            | 139.2     | 44.5        | 33.3             | 23.1               | 10.3      | 0.6                           | 408.4    |
| June ..                           | 160.3            | 136.3     | 50.8        | 31.4             | 20.8               | 9.6       | 0.6                           | 409.8    |
| <b>1953-54—</b>                   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |          |
| July ..                           | 163.6            | 138.0     | 52.5        | 31.5             | 22.9               | 9.7       | 0.6                           | 418.8    |
| August ..                         | 145.6            | 124.7     | 46.0        | 27.1             | 20.4               | 8.7       | 0.5                           | 373.0    |
| September ..                      | 167.7            | 131.2     | 50.7        | 30.5             | 23.3               | 9.3       | 1.1                           | 413.8    |
| October ..                        | 168.3            | 140.6     | 51.5        | 31.0             | 24.1               | 9.1       | 0.9                           | 425.5    |
| November ..                       | 173.0            | 146.9     | 52.0        | 31.0             | 25.8               | 9.2       | 0.7                           | 438.6    |
| December ..                       | 187.1            | 174.6     | 55.7        | 35.4             | 29.8               | 10.4      | 0.7                           | 493.7    |
| January ..                        | 151.9            | 146.3     | 43.4        | 28.5             | 25.9               | 8.1       | 1.0                           | 405.1    |
| February ..                       | 164.8            | 156.5     | 47.8        | 34.4             | 25.6               | 9.0       | 0.6                           | 438.7    |

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Monday in period to December, 1946; thereafter averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. Includes in addition the banks included in series on page 50, the Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Includes Rural Department of Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia for July, 1946, and following months. (c) Debits to Customers' Accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from The Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation) to The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded from January, 1948. (d) See footnote (c) on previous page.

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# SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS AND SAVINGS CERTIFICATES.

(£ million.)

| At end of— | Amounts on Deposit in Savings Banks. |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            | War Savings and Savings Certificates—Net Amount Outstanding. |
|------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|--|
|            | New South Wales.                     | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Australia. |  |
| 1936-37 .. | 82.0                                 | 75.7      | 27.3        | 26.5             | 11.8               | 7.2       | 0.1                 | 0.3                           | 230.9      | ..   |
| 1937-38 .. | 86.0                                 | 78.9      | 28.2        | 27.2             | 12.0               | 7.7       | 0.1                 | 0.3                           | 240.4      | ..   |
| 1938-39 .. | 87.5                                 | 80.5      | 29.0        | 27.4             | 12.4               | 8.4       | 0.1                 | 0.3                           | 245.6      | ..   |
| 1946-47 .. | 231.4                                | 216.1     | 85.6        | 67.9             | 36.6               | 20.9      | 0.5                 | 1.0                           | 660.0      | 59.5   |
| 1947-48 .. | 237.0                                | 226.4     | 84.8        | 73.6             | 36.2               | 21.6      | 0.6                 | 1.1                           | 681.3      | 64.5   |
| 1948-49 .. | 244.5                                | 239.3     | 87.4        | 81.2             | 37.5               | 22.4      | 0.7                 | 1.2                           | 714.2      | 62.2   |
| 1949-50 .. | 258.9                                | 257.1     | 92.2        | 87.7             | 39.6               | 24.3      | 0.9                 | 1.4                           | 762.1      | 55.0   |
| 1950-51 .. | 284.5                                | 281.8     | 98.8        | 97.8             | 44.7               | 27.1      | 1.0                 | 1.7                           | 837.4      | 48.1   |
| 1951-52 .. | 304.5                                | 300.8     | 102.7       | 103.7            | 47.2               | 30.1      | 1.1                 | 1.8                           | 891.9      | 41.8   |
| 1952-53 .. | 319.1                                | 320.0     | 109.4       | 113.9            | 49.8               | 32.1      | 1.1                 | 2.1                           | 947.5      | 35.6   |
| 1951-52—   |                                      |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |  |
| February   | 296.9                                | 294.1     | 100.8       | 102.3            | 46.3               | 29.2      | 1.0                 | 1.8                           | 872.4      | 43.9   |
| March ..   | 297.7                                | 294.8     | 100.5       | 102.4            | 46.3               | 29.4      | 1.0                 | 1.8                           | 873.9      | 43.5   |
| April ..   | 299.3                                | 295.5     | 100.8       | 102.4            | 46.5               | 29.6      | 1.0                 | 1.8                           | 876.9      | 42.8   |
| May ..     | 299.0                                | 295.7     | 100.7       | 101.5            | 46.2               | 29.7      | 1.0                 | 1.8                           | 875.6      | 42.3   |
| June ..    | 304.5                                | 300.8     | 102.7       | 103.7            | 47.2               | 30.1      | 1.1                 | 1.8                           | (a) 891.9  | 41.8   |
| 1952-53—   |                                      |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |  |
| July ..    | 307.1                                | 303.5     | 103.5       | 105.0            | 47.7               | 30.3      | 1.1                 | 1.9                           | 900.1      | 41.3   |
| August ..  | 308.5                                | 305.1     | 104.1       | 105.7            | 48.0               | 30.6      | 1.1                 | 1.9                           | 905.0      | 40.7   |
| September  | 310.0                                | 306.8     | 105.0       | 106.0            | 48.4               | 30.7      | 1.1                 | 2.0                           | 910.0      | 40.1   |
| October    | 312.8                                | 308.9     | 106.5       | 107.1            | 48.7               | 30.9      | 1.1                 | 2.0                           | 918.0      | 39.5   |
| November   | 312.2                                | 308.9     | 106.4       | 107.1            | 48.9               | 30.9      | 1.1                 | 2.0                           | 917.5      | 38.9   |
| December   | 312.3                                | 309.4     | 106.9       | 107.2            | 48.6               | 30.9      | 1.1                 | 2.0                           | 918.4      | 38.4   |
| January    | 311.9                                | 309.8     | 106.1       | 107.7            | 48.5               | 31.0      | 1.1                 | 2.0                           | 918.1      | 37.9   |
| February   | 312.7                                | 311.0     | 106.1       | 109.1            | 48.4               | 31.3      | 1.1                 | 2.0                           | 921.7      | 37.4   |
| March ..   | 313.8                                | 311.6     | 106.4       | 110.1            | 48.6               | 31.3      | 1.1                 | 2.1                           | 925.0      | 37.0   |
| April ..   | 313.3                                | 311.8     | 106.5       | 110.4            | 48.6               | 31.5      | 1.1                 | 2.1                           | 925.3      | 36.5   |
| May ..     | 312.7                                | 312.8     | 106.7       | 110.8            | 48.6               | 31.6      | 1.1                 | 2.1                           | 926.4      | 36.1   |
| June ..    | 319.1                                | 320.0     | 109.4       | 113.9            | 49.8               | 32.1      | 1.1                 | 2.1                           | (a) 947.5  | 35.6   |
| 1953-54—   |                                      |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |  |
| July ..    | 320.4                                | 321.5     | 110.3       | 115.0            | 50.0               | 32.3      | 1.2                 | 2.2                           | 952.9      | 35.1   |
| August ..  | 322.6                                | 322.9     | 111.7       | 115.6            | 50.4               | 32.8      | 1.2                 | 2.3                           | 959.5      | 34.5   |
| September  | 325.2                                | 324.9     | 112.8       | 116.3            | 51.0               | 33.1      | 1.2                 | 2.3                           | 966.8      | 34.0   |
| October    | 325.8                                | 325.5     | 113.0       | 116.7            | 51.1               | 32.9      | 1.3                 | 2.3                           | 968.6      | 33.6   |
| November   | 326.2                                | 325.9     | 113.4       | 117.2            | 51.3               | 33.0      | 1.3                 | 2.3                           | 970.6      | 33.0   |
| December   | 327.7                                | 327.0     | 114.0       | 117.3            | 51.4               | 32.8      | 1.2                 | 2.3                           | 973.7      | 32.6   |
| January    | 329.4                                | 327.8     | 113.7       | 117.9            | 51.3               | 32.9      | 1.2                 | 2.3                           | 976.5      | 32.1   |
| February   | 332.4                                | 329.4     | 114.4       | 119.1            | 51.4               | 33.3      | 1.2                 | 2.3                           | 983.5      | 31.7   |

(a) Interest added 1951-52, £14.1m.; 1952-53, £16.6m. The major part of this interest was added in June.

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# INTEREST RATES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

(Per Cent.)

| Period.       | Trading Banks.<br>Interest on Fixed Deposits. |              |               |               | C'wealth<br>Savings<br>Bank.<br>Deposits<br>(maxi-<br>mum<br>rate of<br>interest). | Treasury<br>Bills<br>(Discount<br>Rates). | C'wealth Govt. Securities.        |                              | Private First<br>Mortgages<br>Registered<br>in New<br>South Wales<br>—Urban<br>Securities. |
|---------------|---|--------------|---------------|---------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
|               | 3<br>months.                                  | 6<br>months. | 12<br>months. | 24<br>months. |  |   | Taxed at 1930<br>C'wealth Rates.  |                              |  |
|               |   |              |               |               |  |   | Under 5<br>years.                 | 10 years and<br>over.        |  |
|               |   |              |               |               |  |   |                                   |                              |  |
|               |   |              |               |               |  | (a)                                       | (a)                               | (b)                          |  |
| 1936-37 ..    | 2.00  | 2.50         | 2.75          | 3.00          | 2.00   | 1.75                                      | 3.57                              | 3.94                         | 5.3  |
| 1937-38 ...   | 2.00  | 2.50         | 2.75          | 3.00          | 2.00   | 1.75                                      | 3.30                              | 3.71                         | 5.4  |
| 1938-39 ..    | 2.00  | 2.50         | 2.75          | 3.00          | 2.00   | 1.75                                      | 3.67                              | 3.84                         | 5.5  |
|               |   |              |               |               |  |   | Taxed at Current<br>C'wlth Rates. |                              |  |
|               |   |              |               |               |  |   | Short-<br>dated,<br>2 years.      | Long-<br>dated,<br>12 years. |  |
|               |   |              |               |               |  |   | (c)                               | (c)                          |  |
| 1946-47 ..    | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | d 1.50        | 2.00   | 1.00                                      | 1.93                              | 3.21                         | 4.5  |
| 1947-48 ..    | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.00   | 1.00                                      | 2.34                              | 3.16                         | 4.4  |
| 1948-49 ..    | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.00   | 0.96                                      | 2.07                              | 3.12                         | 4.4  |
| 1949-50 ..    | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.00   | 0.75                                      | 1.95                              | 3.13                         | 4.4  |
| 1950-51 ..    | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.00   | 0.75                                      | 1.99                              | 3.21                         | 4.4  |
| 1951-52 ..    | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.00   | 0.75                                      | 2.05                              | 3.95                         | 4.4  |
| 1952-53 ..    | 0.96  | 1.21         | 1.46          | 1.73          | 2.23   | 0.98                                      | 3.03                              | 4.54                         | 4.7  |
| 1951-52—      |   |              |               |               |  |   |                                   |                              |  |
| March ..      | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.00   | 0.75                                      | 2.00                              | 3.81                         | 4.4  |
| April ..      | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.00   | 0.75                                      | 2.07                              | 4.19                         | 4.4  |
| May ..        | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.00   | 0.75                                      | 2.13                              | 4.43                         | 4.4  |
| June ..       | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.00   | 0.75                                      | 2.21                              | 4.62                         | 4.4  |
| 1952-53—      |   |              |               |               |  |   |                                   |                              |  |
| July ..       | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.00   | 0.75                                      | 2.40                              | 4.51                         | 4.5  |
| August (e) .. | 1.00  | 1.25         | 1.50          | 1.75          | 2.25   | 1.00                                      | 2.58                              | 4.49                         | 4.5  |
| September ..  | 1.00  | 1.25         | 1.50          | 1.75          | 2.25   | 1.00                                      | 2.94                              | 4.61                         | 4.5  |
| October ..    | 1.00  | 1.25         | 1.50          | 1.75          | 2.25   | 1.00                                      | 3.05                              | 4.68                         | 4.6  |
| November ..   | 1.00  | 1.25         | 1.50          | 1.75          | 2.25   | 1.00                                      | 3.15                              | 4.62                         | 4.7  |
| December ..   | 1.00  | 1.25         | 1.50          | 1.75          | 2.25   | 1.00                                      | 3.23                              | 4.53                         | 4.7  |
| January ..    | 1.00  | 1.25         | 1.50          | 1.75          | 2.25   | 1.00                                      | 3.15                              | 4.46                         | 4.8  |
| February ..   | 1.00  | 1.25         | 1.50          | 1.75          | 2.25   | 1.00                                      | 3.16                              | 4.53                         | 4.8  |
| March ..      | 1.00  | 1.25         | 1.50          | 1.75          | 2.25   | 1.00                                      | 3.20                              | 4.57                         | 4.8  |
| April ..      | 1.00  | 1.25         | 1.50          | 1.75          | 2.25   | 1.00                                      | 3.17                              | 4.51                         | 4.8  |
| May ..        | 1.00  | 1.25         | 1.50          | 1.75          | 2.25   | 1.00                                      | 3.17                              | 4.54                         | 4.9  |
| June ..       | 1.00  | 1.25         | 1.50          | 1.75          | 2.25   | 1.00                                      | 3.16                              | 4.48                         | 4.9  |
| 1953-54—      |   |              |               |               |  |   |                                   |                              |  |
| July ..       | 1.00  | 1.25         | 1.50          | 1.75          | 2.25   | 1.00                                      | 3.03                              | 4.47                         | 4.9  |
| August ..     | 1.00  | 1.25         | 1.50          | 1.75          | 2.25   | 1.00                                      | 2.95                              | 4.47                         | 4.9  |
| September ..  | 1.00  | 1.25         | 1.50          | 1.75          | 2.25   | 1.00                                      | 2.96                              | 4.42                         | 4.9  |
| October ..    | 1.00  | 1.25         | 1.50          | 1.75          | 2.25   | 1.00                                      | 2.99                              | 4.43                         | 4.9  |
| November ..   | 1.00  | 1.25         | 1.50          | 1.75          | 2.25   | 1.00                                      | 2.97                              | 4.42                         | 4.9  |
| December ..   | 1.00  | 1.25         | 1.50          | 1.75          | 2.25   | 1.00                                      | 2.98                              | 4.43                         | 4.9  |
| January ..    | 1.00  | 1.25         | 1.50          | 1.75          | 2.25   | 1.00                                      | 3.03                              | 4.40                         | 4.9  |
| February ..   | 1.00  | 1.25         | 1.50          | 1.75          | 2.25   | 1.00                                      | 3.08                              | 4.40                         | 4.9  |
| March ..      | 1.00  | 1.25         | 1.50          | 1.75          | 2.25   | 1.00                                      |                                   |                              |  |

(a) Weighted averages for last Wednesday in month. Calculated, when loans above par, on earliest date of maturity.  
 (b) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown.  
 (c) Rate for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month.  
 (d) From December, 1945 to July, 1952, 1.50% on first £10,000 of deposit; 1.00% on amounts in excess.  
 (e) The Order made by the Commonwealth Bank under the National Security (Economic Organization) Regulations fixing maximum rates of interest was revoked as at 29th July, 1952.

# EXCHANGE RATES AND GOLD PRICES.(a)

| Period.         | Exchange Rates.         |                        |                           | Gold Prices.     |                     |
|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
|                 | Australia on London.(b) | London on New York.(b) | Australia on New York.(c) | Australia.       | London.             |
|                 | £A. per £100 stg.       | \$ per £ stg.          | \$ per £ A.               | £A. per fine oz. | £ stg. per fine oz. |
| 1936-37 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 4.939                  | 3.929                     | 8.761            | 7.041               |
| 1937-38 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 4.980                  | 3.961                     | 8.690            | 7.001               |
| 1938-39 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 4.738                  | 3.759                     | 9.137            | 7.340               |
| 1946-47 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 4.030                  | 3.199                     | 10.763           | 8.613               |
| 1947-48 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 4.030                  | 3.200                     | 10.763           | 8.613               |
| 1948-49 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 4.030                  | 3.204                     | 10.763           | 8.613               |
| 1949-50 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 3.074                  | 2.445                     | 14.443           | 11.557              |
| 1950-51 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 2.800                  | 2.228                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| 1951-52 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 2.796                  | 2.224                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| 1952-53 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 2.804                  | 2.231                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| 1951-52—        |                         |                        |                           |                  |                     |
| March .. ..     | 125.25                  | 2.797                  | 2.225                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| April .. ..     | 125.25                  | 2.808                  | 2.234                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| May .. ..       | 125.25                  | 2.800                  | 2.228                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| June .. ..      | 125.25                  | 2.785                  | 2.216                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| 1952-53—        |                         |                        |                           |                  |                     |
| July .. ..      | 125.25                  | 2.788                  | 2.218                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| August .. ..    | 125.25                  | 2.789                  | 2.218                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| September .. .. | 125.25                  | 2.783                  | 2.214                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| October .. ..   | 125.25                  | 2.793                  | 2.222                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| November .. ..  | 125.25                  | 2.801                  | 2.229                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| December .. ..  | 125.25                  | 2.806                  | 2.233                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| January .. ..   | 125.25                  | 2.813                  | 2.238                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| February .. ..  | 125.25                  | 2.819                  | 2.243                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| March .. ..     | 125.25                  | 2.816                  | 2.241                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| April .. ..     | 125.25                  | 2.817                  | 2.241                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| May .. ..       | 125.25                  | 2.815                  | 2.240                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| June .. ..      | 125.25                  | 2.814                  | 2.239                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| 1953-54—        |                         |                        |                           |                  |                     |
| July .. ..      | 125.25                  | 2.816                  | 2.240                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| August .. ..    | 125.25                  | 2.815                  | 2.240                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| September .. .. | 125.25                  | 2.803                  | 2.231                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| October .. ..   | 125.25                  | 2.806                  | 2.233                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| November .. ..  | 125.25                  | 2.811                  | 2.237                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| December .. ..  | 125.25                  | 2.811                  | 2.236                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| January .. ..   | 125.25                  | 2.812                  | 2.237                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| February .. ..  | 125.25                  | 2.813                  | 2.239                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| March .. ..     | 125.25                  |                        |                           | 15.492           |                     |

(a) Average of daily quotations.  
Direct quotation.

(b) Average of buying and selling rates for Telegraphic Transfers.

(c) Selling rate.

# LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

| Period.          | New Policies Issued.(b) |              |                        |              | Premiums.(c)         |                        | Claims, &c., Paid.(d) |                        | New Loans Granted.<br>(e) |
|------------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
|                  | Ordinary Department.    |              | Industrial Department. |              | Ordinary Department. | Industrial Department. | Ordinary Department.  | Industrial Department. |                           |
|                  | Number.                 | Sum Assured. | Number.                | Sum Assured. |                      |                        |                       |                        |                           |
|                  |                         | £'000.       |                        | £'000.       | £'000.               | £'000.                 | £'000.                | £'000.                 | £'000.                    |
| Monthly Average— |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                       |                        |                           |
| 1937 .. ..       | 12,296                  | 4,120        | 36,148                 | 1,684        | 1,045                | 474                    | 747                   | 223                    | n.a.                      |
| 1938 .. ..       | 11,470                  | 3,867        | 32,757                 | 1,530        | 1,075                | 617                    | 781                   | 246                    | n.a.                      |
| 1939 .. ..       | 11,293                  | 3,886        | 32,125                 | 1,545        | 1,144                | 541                    | 835                   | 303                    | n.a.                      |
|                  |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                       |                        |                           |
| 1947(a) .. ..    | 19,808                  | 9,549        | 26,271                 | 2,316        | 2,113                | 889                    | 1,052                 | 456                    | n.a.                      |
| 1947-48 (a) ..   | 20,171                  | 10,077       | 26,915                 | 2,492        | 2,258                | 910                    | 1,044                 | 471                    | 1,057                     |
| 1948-49 .. ..    | 20,201                  | 10,618       | 25,254                 | 2,458        | 2,539                | 967                    | 1,112                 | 497                    | 1,476                     |
| 1949-50 .. ..    | 20,538                  | 12,243       | 24,999                 | 2,509        | 2,877                | 1,003                  | 1,224                 | 512                    | 2,778                     |
| 1950-51 .. ..    | 21,642                  | 15,206       | 22,713                 | 2,423        | 3,210                | 1,043                  | 1,310                 | 491                    | 3,893                     |
| 1951-52 .. ..    | 23,607                  | 18,464       | 23,216                 | 2,817        | 3,651                | 1,102                  | 1,441                 | 546                    | 3,963                     |
| 1952-53 .. ..    | 23,643                  | 18,828       | 22,853                 | 2,946        | 4,186                | 1,147                  | 1,576                 | 619                    | 3,011                     |
| Monthly Total—   |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                       |                        |                           |
| 1951-52—         |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                       |                        |                           |
| January .. ..    | 12,675                  | 9,102        | 8,110                  | 970          | 3,281                | 745                    | 1,302                 | 427                    | 3,244                     |
| February .. ..   | 18,206                  | 13,932       | 21,745                 | 2,641        | 3,251                | 1,118                  | 1,369                 | 558                    | 3,418                     |
| March .. ..      | 23,337                  | 16,515       | 30,099                 | 3,754        | 3,612                | 1,150                  | 1,489                 | 583                    | 3,103                     |
| April .. ..      | 20,371                  | 16,980       | 20,496                 | 2,519        | 3,566                | 1,040                  | 1,441                 | 500                    | 3,146                     |
| May .. ..        | 25,022                  | 19,926       | 25,619                 | 3,209        | 3,876                | 1,155                  | 1,518                 | 622                    | 4,066                     |
| June .. ..       | 24,842                  | 19,567       | 27,118                 | 3,389        | 4,643                | 1,140                  | 1,525                 | 616                    | 3,233                     |
|                  |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                       |                        |                           |
| 1952-53—         |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                       |                        |                           |
| July .. ..       | 24,927                  | 20,402       | 23,088                 | 2,887        | 4,491                | 1,163                  | 1,708                 | 644                    | 3,411                     |
| August .. ..     | 27,852                  | 19,677       | 22,094                 | 2,777        | 3,841                | 1,088                  | 1,617                 | 665                    | 2,749                     |
| September .. ..  | 30,549                  | 22,831       | 32,793                 | 4,234        | 4,407                | 1,271                  | 1,747                 | 635                    | 2,642                     |
| October .. ..    | 22,619                  | 18,636       | 22,667                 | 2,887        | 4,109                | 1,180                  | 1,690                 | 642                    | 2,854                     |
| November .. ..   | 24,219                  | 19,095       | 22,903                 | 2,994        | 3,683                | 1,186                  | 1,486                 | 616                    | 3,421                     |
| December .. ..   | 26,309                  | 25,369       | 18,857                 | 2,538        | 4,667                | 1,247                  | 1,591                 | 595                    | 4,119                     |
| January .. ..    | 14,661                  | 10,942       | 8,151                  | 1,023        | 3,661                | 806                    | 1,164                 | 466                    | 2,252                     |
|                  |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                       |                        |                           |
| February .. ..   | 17,487                  | 13,800       | 21,985                 | 2,767        | 3,472                | 1,117                  | 1,398                 | 593                    | 2,355                     |
| March .. ..      | 22,475                  | 17,309       | 28,501                 | 3,710        | 4,139                | 1,256                  | 1,685                 | 665                    | 2,460                     |
| April .. ..      | 22,292                  | 17,334       | 22,457                 | 2,949        | 4,220                | 1,133                  | 1,566                 | 565                    | 3,591                     |
| May .. ..        | 24,658                  | 19,407       | 25,189                 | 3,256        | 4,000                | 1,097                  | 1,528                 | 649                    | 2,823                     |
| June .. ..       | 25,670                  | 21,142       | 25,547                 | 3,325        | 5,547                | 1,217                  | 1,731                 | 691                    | 3,459                     |
|                  |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                       |                        |                           |
| 1953-54—         |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                       |                        |                           |
| July .. ..       | 28,463                  | 25,048       | 21,041                 | 2,735        | 5,072                | 1,231                  | 1,960                 | 734                    | 3,195                     |
| August .. ..     | 25,421                  | 20,410       | 24,732                 | 3,370        | 4,259                | 1,215                  | 1,763                 | 706                    | 2,784                     |
| September .. ..  | 30,989                  | 25,884       | 26,340                 | 3,597        | 4,688                | 1,167                  | 1,870                 | 671                    | 3,286                     |
| October .. ..    | 22,489                  | 18,688       | 19,267                 | 2,588        | 4,255                | 1,215                  | 1,765                 | 702                    | 2,821                     |
| November .. ..   | 23,518                  | 19,026       | 22,702                 | 3,030        | 4,263                | 1,208                  | 1,610                 | 671                    | 2,190                     |
| December .. ..   | 29,903                  | 35,870       | 13,792                 | 1,932        | 5,428                | 1,344                  | 1,948                 | 614                    | 3,091                     |
| January .. ..    | 13,744                  | 10,979       | 6,904                  | 896          | 3,771                | 640                    | 1,327                 | 501                    | 2,017                     |

(a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only in New South Wales and Queensland respectively. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947-48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns.  
 (b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (e) Excludes advances of premiums.

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# COMMONWEALTH AND STATES : REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.(a)

(£'000.)

| Government of—          | July–February, 1952–53. |              |                            | July–February, 1953–54. |              |                            |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|                         | Revenue.                | Expenditure. | Surplus(+) or Deficit (–). | Revenue.                | Expenditure. | Surplus(+) or Deficit (–). |
| New South Wales (b) ..  | 113,333                 | 115,603      | — 2,270                    | 112,797                 | 115,294      | — 2,497                    |
| Victoria .. ..          | 52,798                  | 61,535       | — 8,737                    |                         |              |                            |
| Queensland .. ..        | 38,088                  | 39,993       | — 1,905                    | 42,334                  | 43,134       | — 800                      |
| South Australia .. ..   | 26,833                  | 28,214       | — 1,381                    |                         |              |                            |
| Western Australia .. .. | 23,112                  | 24,976       | — 1,864                    | 26,132                  | 28,286       | — 2,154                    |
| Tasmania .. ..          | 6,926                   | 7,431        | — 505                      | 7,335                   | 8,015        | — 680                      |
| Six States .. ..        | 261,090                 | 277,752      | — 16,662                   |                         |              |                            |
| Commonwealth .. ..      | 582,346                 | 636,866      | — 54,520                   | 535,766                 | 570,525      | — 34,759                   |
| Grand Total (a) ..      | 751,455                 | 822,637      | — 71,182                   |                         |              |                            |

| Government of—          | 1952–53.   |              |                            | 1953–54 (Estimated). |              |                            |
|-------------------------|------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|                         | Revenue.   | Expenditure. | Surplus(+) or Deficit (–). | Revenue.             | Expenditure. | Surplus(+) or Deficit (–). |
| New South Wales (b) ..  | r180,908   | r180,811     | + 97                       | r182,620             | r183,575     | — 955                      |
| Victoria .. ..          | 96,995     | 97,360       | — 365                      | 104,822              | 104,811      | + 11                       |
| Queensland .. ..        | 63,171     | 62,980       | + 191                      | 67,505               | 67,482       | + 23                       |
| South Australia .. ..   | 44,251     | 44,226       | + 25                       | 47,355               | 47,345       | + 10                       |
| Western Australia .. .. | 38,725     | 39,233       | — 508                      | 43,416               | 43,549       | — 133                      |
| Tasmania .. ..          | 12,061     | 11,763       | + 298                      | 13,258               | 13,644       | — 386                      |
| Six States .. ..        | r436,111   | r436,373     | — 262                      | r458,976             | r460,406     | — 1,430                    |
| Commonwealth .. ..      | 1,040,067  | 1,026,667    | + 13,400                   | 986,757              | 986,542      | + 215                      |
| Grand Total (a) ..      | r1,310,694 | r1,297,556   | + 13,138                   | r1,275,256           | r1,276,471   | — 1,215                    |

(a) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States for compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' debts, special grants and special financial assistance, also pay-roll tax payments by States to the Commonwealth. The totals of revenue and expenditure of the States have also been adjusted. (b) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund, and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget. To obtain uniformity with the other States, annual figures have been adjusted to exclude Commonwealth Hospital Benefits.

## COMMONWEALTH AND STATES : SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)

(£'000.)

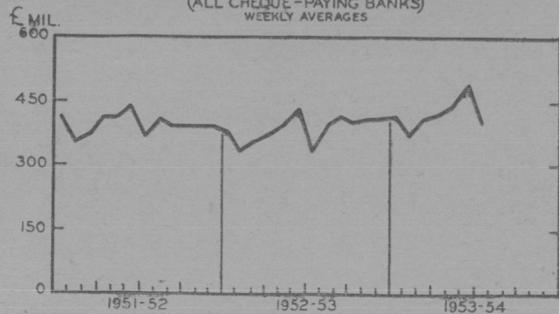
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|-------------------------|--|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|
|                         | Commonwealth.                                | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. |
| At 28th February, 1954— |  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |
| Australia (b) ..        | 250,000                                      | ..               | ..        | ..          | ..               | 1,000              | ..        |
| London ..               | 470  | 9,796            | 5,805     | ..          | 3,816            | 2,960              | 491       |
| At 28th February, 1953— |  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |
| Australia (b) ..        | 285,000                                      | ..               | 5,000     | ..          | 1,000            | 2,078              | ..        |
| London ..               | 720  | 9,796            | 5,805     | ..          | 3,816            | 2,960              | 491       |

(a) Excludes overdrafts. For debt redeemable in Australia the unit of currency is £1 Australian; in London, £1 sterling. (b) Excludes Internal Treasury Bills.

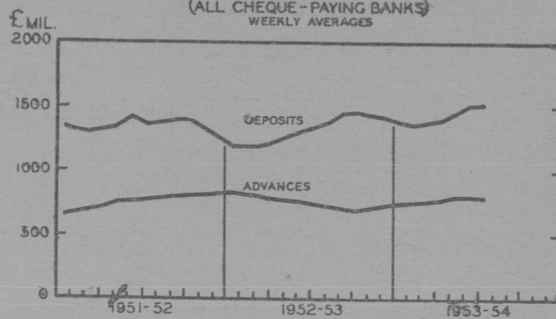
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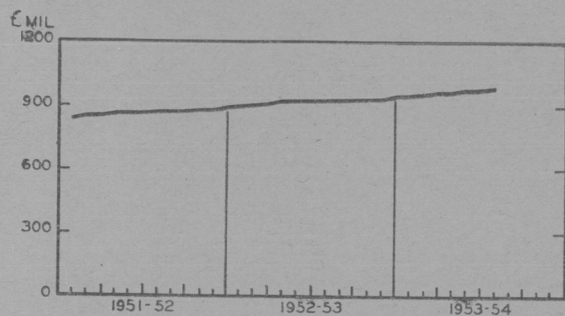
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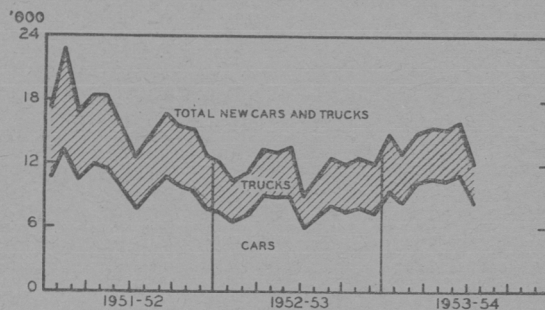
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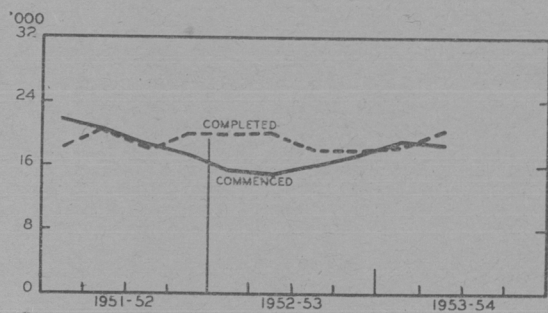
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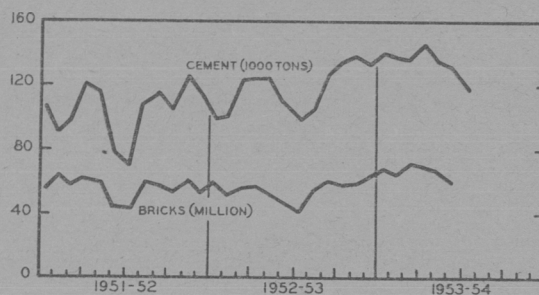
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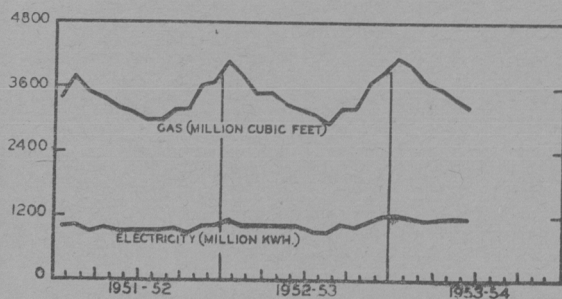
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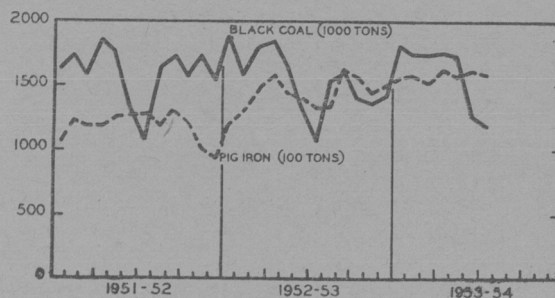
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